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RECOVERY IS ON THE RIGHT ROAD

WE MEAN BUSINESS

THE revitalisation of one of Oswestry's main retail streets has started – as the town prepares to greet thousands of visitors at this weekend's food festival and employment experts say businesses are now expanding and competing for staff.

Community leaders say they hope the clean-up of Cross Street and the positive employment news are signs Oswestry is on the right road to economic recovery.

Cross Street has been blighted by empty shops leading to a campaign encouraging landlords to take action. The campaign is paying off as one of the most run-down shops is being repaired with a view to being re-let later this year.

Town Mayor Peter Cherrington said he was pleased to see progress being made on the former Be-Wise building and also to see two new shops opening on Cross Street.

Athena's Artisans opened last week and the town's former cinema, which has an entrance on to Cross Street, will be opening as The Original Factory Shop in August.

Cllr Cherrington said: "It's development and employment for Oswestry, which is only a good thing. We've all been through it financially but Oswestry is a town that bounces back very quickly."

The clean-up of Cross Street comes ahead of one of the most important weekends of the town's retail calendar.

The food and drink festival is based around town centre streets including Cross Street and will feature more than 50 stalls.

Among them will be Treflach Farm whose success has snowballed since having a stall at the very first festival nine years ago.

The firm now employs 14 people and is looking to open a farm shop later this year.

Community events will also run in Cae Glas Park over the weekend with festival organisers hoping all the attractions will help boost town businesses.

Meanwhile, experts from Oswestry firm Lanyon Bowdler said businesses in Shropshire are expanding at such a rate that competition to employ skilled staff is higher than at any time in recent years.

Head of employment law John Merry said many clients were reporting strong performance which is being reflected in growing staff numbers.

● **The Chronicle's We Mean Business campaign celebrates Oswestry's business. Turn to Page 9 to see our latest We Mean Business profile and to Page 15 for more about the positive employment news from Lanyon Bowdler.**

Kiah Arbel from Treflach Farm busy cooking up some delicious treats ahead of this weekend's Oswestry Food and Drink Festival

Teenagers are given sexting warning

TEENAGERS who send indecent images of themselves to each other have been warned they could face child porn charges.

Police in Welshpool attended classes at the town's high school to urge pupils not to send such photographs to anyone in case they end up in the wrong hands.

Pc Lindsay Sweetman, of the town's neighbourhood police team, said there had been a spate of incidents regarding "sexting" in the town.

She said: "We go into the school and one of the things we have spoken about is sexting. It shocks a lot of people when we tell them, but it could lead to a pretty serious charge.

"If you are a 14-year-old and you send an indecent image of yourself to your boyfriend or girlfriend then it is still an offence and you could in theory be done for distributing child porn. Imagine what would happen if you sent a picture to your boyfriend and then he sent it on to other people?

"It is really dangerous and I would urge youngsters not to get involved with it.

"We had a time when we were getting quite a few reports of this nature, but since we have been into the schools it has died down quite a bit."

Pc Sweetman added: "Touch wood the message has got through, but it is something we are keen to remind youngsters to avoid."

West Mercia Police, which covers the Oswestry area, has also warned of the dangers of sexting.

The force said in 2013/14 and 2014/15 a total of 60 children, whose ages ranged from 12 to 17, were investigated for sexting activities. Of the 60 children, 34 were girls and 26 were boys.

DCI Sean Paley said: "There is a trend, seen nationally, among children and young people to take indecent photographs of themselves, and sometimes even of friends, to send each other or post in public places.

"This could be on the internet, such as on social media sites, or by sending the photos to each other on mobile phones.

"This may be considered harmless fun by some but it really isn't. It can have huge emotional consequences for those involved, leaving them vulnerable to blackmail, bullying and harm after sharing an image.

"It's important to remember that once they have sent an image they lose control of where it ends up."

TRANSPORT

Government is urged to discuss one-way system

WELSH government officials have been urged to hold a meeting with Welshpool councillors over the town's controversial one-way system.

Montgomeryshire AM Russell George said he has urged Leader Of The House Jane Hutt to send officials to meet Welshpool Town Council.

A public meeting was held in Welshpool last month on the issue but Welsh Government officers were instructed not to attend.

Now Mr George has raised the issue in the Welsh Assembly and said he will also be holding discussions with Welshpool Town Council.

Mr George said: "A public meeting was held at the end of June with more than 100 residents in attendance.

"I understand the Welsh Government had been reluctant to meet with the town council to discuss the outstanding issues which are yet to be addressed by the Welsh Government and the Trunk Road Agency."

Mr George added: "While I know views on the one-way system vary, it would seem that there is a consensus that a number of alterations would support the better flow of traffic in the town including the idea of Brook Street/Union Street becoming two-way, a proposal which the Welsh Government has previously rejected."

Mr George said he will now wait for a reply from the Welsh Government.

DEVELOPMENT

Lidl bid receives highways boost

HIGHWAYS officers say there are no traffic reasons why a Lidl supermarket should not be built in Oswestry.

Lidl has applied for planning permission to build the store on the current JT Hughes car dealership site at the junction of Shrewsbury Road and Victoria Road. Objectors say the store will create traffic problems.

But Shropshire Council officers said the highway authority raised no objection to permission being granted subject to road and parking improvements.

The planning application is expected to go before councillors later this year.

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Emergency work carried out on Montgomery Canal

Report by Pam Kingsley

A SECTION of the Montgomery Canal has been temporarily cut off while emergency repairs are carried out to a leak in the wall of the 200-year-old waterway.

The repair work at Aston Locks near Queens Head, Oswestry, is in the middle of a Site of Special Scientific Interest and waterway bosses say the work has to be carefully planned to minimise the impact on the environment and animal life.

Waterways manager Wendy Capelle, from the Canal & River Trust, said: "This is a great opportunity for people to see the rest of the canal while this emergency work is carried out.

"We apologise for any inconvenience caused by the work, but this is a 200-year-old canal and repair work needs to be carried out.

"It is made more difficult in this location because of the Site of Special Scientific Interest and we have to balance the work being carried out against the disturbance to the conservation area."

The stretch of canal will be closed for the foreseeable future, but an updated schedule will be issued tomorrow (Friday) bosses have said.

Specialist contractors visited the locks to see exactly what work needs to be done and have drawn up designs for the repair works.

Before work began they also had to get special environmental approvals to allow them to carry out the repairs because of the area's designation as a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Last month temporary repairs were made between lock one and two which stabilised the failing wall until the full repair work started.

Until the repairs to Aston Locks are completed, the Navigation Inn pub at Maesbury, is offering a taxi service for boaters arriving at the current temporary end of navigation at Queen's Head.

Transport will leave Queen's Head at 5.45pm, returning from the Navigation Inn at 9pm.

The cost is £2.50 per person for the return seven mile trip, including a free drink when ordered with a meal.

Walkers are still able to pass the repair site and see the work being done to fix the leaks.

Funding delight for town's bunkhouse

Lon y Bugail Trust secretary Lynne Painter, manager of Jewson Chirk Simon Maynard and trust treasurer Hilary Roberts

A SCOUT, guide and community centre has secured a £5,000 grant from a community prize fund.

Chirk Bunkhouse – the headquarters of Chirk Scouts and Guides – was awarded the money by Jewson Builders Merchants as part of its Building Better Communities scheme.

Representatives of the trust that manages the bunkhouse were presented with the prize by celebrity property developer Sarah Beeny at a Birmingham awards ceremony.

The Lon y Bugail Trust plans to spend the funds on improving the heating system in the bunkhouse.

Secretary Lynne Painter said she was "delighted" to have won the £5,000.

More than 2,000 applications were received by Building Better Communities, of which 63 were shortlisted for an online voting process.

After thousands of votes were entered on Facebook and Twitter, a group of judges selected the winners.

Representatives of the Lon y Bugail Trust were congratulated on the funding boost by Simon Maynard, manager at Jewson Builders Merchants in Chirk.

Penlee Lifeboat Station won the grand prize of £50,000, while Chirk Bunkhouse was one of 12 regional winners to share in a further £50,000. Chirk Bunkhouse has become a valuable community asset and as well as scouts and guides, it is used by the local community and by visitors from further afield.

The property can sleep 22 people in bunk beds in three rooms holding 12, six and four respectively. Visitors can also bring extra camp beds to put up in the main hall if required. The maximum number of people allowed to sleep in the main hall is 30.

The property has a fully equipped kitchen including a large electric cooker, microwave and fridge/freezer, and all utensils, except for tea towels and hand towels, are provided.

Solar farm bid fails to win backing

PLANS for a huge solar farm in countryside near Oswestry have been thrown out by Shropshire Council.

Bristol-based company Elgin Energy Esco Ltd had originally wanted to build a 78-acre solar farm at Rhosygadfa on the edge of Gobowen.

It then revised its plans to a smaller scheme taking up 52 acres.

An electricity substation and eight foot-high security fencing would also have been built along with the 40,000 solar panels. The company stressed that once the panels had been erected, the land would have been used to graze sheep and the panels would be removed at the end of their operational life with no concrete pads or any other permanent reminder of the farm.

But Councillor Steve Charmley said Rhosygadfa would have been ruined. He said: "This plan is for large scale, industrial development. I am for solar farms, they provide clean, green energy. But they have to be in the right place."

Nick Williams, representing the agent for the applicant, said the solar farm could have powered up to 3,000 houses. He said: "This would be an important contribution to the alternative energy supply. The applicant has reduced it in size because of local worries and the two fields nearest to residents have been taken out of the application."

Hall to host free information day

PEOPLE are invited to a free information day at Oswestry Memorial Hall on Thursday next week.

Shropshire Rural Community Council's Wise & Well Team is organising the event. The event will bring together Shropshire based experts to give local people the chance to ask questions about home safety, health and personal support.

The day will start at 9.30am.There will be a series of short talks on useful topics such as healthy eating, how to avoid being scammed and falls prevention. There will also be an exercise taster and an exhibition of local charities and support groups. The day will end at 1pm with a light lunch. The event is not a drop-in event and booking is essential but it is free of charge.

Friends and carers are welcome to attend.

To book call (01743)342162.

Chamber raises worries over pavement rulings

Report by Sue Austin

BUSINESS leaders in Oswestry are asking firms which are falling foul of new rules regarding the use of the pavement outside their premises to contact them.

A cafe in the town says it is losing customers after being told it is only allowed to put two tables outside its premises.

Caroline's Viennese Patisserie is a popular spot for alfresco dining and previously had five tables outside its premises in Festival Square.

But Shropshire Council officials have now told staff that five tables are too many and that any piece of furniture can only protrude a metre from the shop window.

Patisserie manager for the last 19 years, Jean Meredith, said the ruling had affected trade."The summer is our busiest time as customers love coming and sitting at our outside tables and chairs," she said.

"Now we see them waiting for those sitting at the tables to leave, or sitting on the benches in Festival Square waiting for a table to come free."

Another trader who has been told to remove goods on the pavement is florist Wendy Hughes, who runs The Flower Gallery on Bailey Street.

She says council inspectors said the floral displays outside her shop contravened new accessibility rules for blind and partially-sighted people.

Oswestry Chamber of Commerce has urged traders who have similar problems to contact it so the body can raise the issue with council bosses. Chamber chairman Jools Payne said: "Oswestry has a wonderful cafe culture and an attractive street scene. People visit the town not only to shop but to enjoy the atmosphere and surroundings."

Paul McGreary, Shropshire Council's head of business support and regulatory services, said: "Shropshire Council supports the safe use of pavement areas for businesses to display their products and create a café culture and provide a vibrant shopping experience.

"As part of the consideration of permitting the use of pavements pedestrian and road safety are of paramount concern – we need to ensure that the pavement is still safely usable by pedestrians, particularly those with mobility issues, visual impairment and pushchairs."

Feast of activities planned for festival

Dan Walsh will be teaching and performing at the Willow Gallery on Saturday

A FEAST of activities will be held in Oswestry to run alongside the town's Food and Drink Festival this weekend.

The New Saints FC will be hosting a football fun day in Cae Glas Park on Saturday, starting from noon and running until 4pm

The first team squad will be present as well as a whole range of activities including various football competitions.

On Sunday Reggae in the Park will be held in Cae Glas Park.

Neil Phillips of the organiser Eclectic said: "Reggae covers a wide spectrum so expect to hear a bit of dancehall, ska, rocksteady, jungle, ragga, dub and current reggae from around the world including Eastern Europe. There will also be plenty of classic tracks by artists from the Studio One and Greensleeves labels such as Bob Marley, Freddy McGregor, The Heptones, Barrington Levy and Black Uhuru."

Due to its past success, the event time has been slightly extended this year and will run midday to 7pm.

Meanwhile, one of the finest banjo players in the UK, Dan Walsh, will be running a beginners banjo workshop and performing live at the Willow Gallery on Saturday during the food festival celebrations. It will be held in the gallery's Dunbabin Room from 2pm to 4pm. Starting from the very beginning, this workshop will focus on playing banjo in clawhammer style.

The workshop costs £40 and places should be booked in advance.

Dan Walsh will be teaming up with Chris Quinn for a unique acoustic concert Live at The Willow on Saturday from 8pm.

Tickets are £10. For more details contact (01691) 657575.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Trucker admits death charge

A LORRY driver has admitted causing the death of a Shropshire man in a crash on the M5.

Julian James Ketcher, 43, had previously denied causing death by dangerous driving of car driver Alan Clements in a crash on December 5, 2012. But at Exeter Crown Court yesterday (Wednesday) Ketcher changed his plea and admitted the charge.

Mr Clements, 47, from Hengoed, near Oswestry, died as a result of a five-vehicle accident on the northbound carriageway of the M5 at the Hele Straight near junction 28 for Cullompton.

The Recorder of Exeter, Judge Francis Gilbert QC, who heard the case, remanded Ketcher in custody. He asked for reports to be prepared ahead of sentencing, which will take place on July 24.

PM is set to visit Royal Welsh Show

PRIME Minister David Cameron has confirmed he will attend this year's Royal Welsh Show.

Mr Cameron will visit the agricultural show, which will take place between July 20 and 23 in Llanelwedd, Builth Wells, for the second consecutive year. A show spokesman said organisers were delighted by the news from Westminster, but added they were yet to get confirmation from the Prime Minister himself.

"Mr Cameron mentioned during the election campaign that he would like to return to the show," the spokesman said. "Then during Prime Minister's Questions he repeated this so we are extremely pleased that the visit is still high on his agenda."

Two treated for smoke inhalation

TWO people were treated for smoke inhalation after a fire in a bungalow.

Firefighters were called to the property in Llanymynech just before noon on Thursday last week after smoke was seen coming from a window.

Fire crews from Oswestry, Baschurch and Shrewsbury, went to the seen and were able to deal with the fire in a front bedroom.

A woman and an 18-year-old male were treated at the scene for smoke inhalation.

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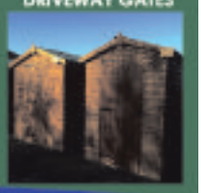

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Field's friends highlight community's use of site

Report by Pam Kingsley

A GROUP which supports and looks after a large open space in Oswestry has refuted claims that the field is "a dirty, unused, wasted site" after meeting with a businessman who had drawn up plans to improve the site.

Peter Starbuck had suggested creating a running track, cricket practice nets and other sporting facilities at Brynhafod Playing Fields in Oswestry to encourage more people to use the site.

But the Friends Of Brynhafod Field have met Mr Starbuck to reassure him that dozens of local people already use the site and would be disappointed if anything was to change at the field.

Kate Betts, spokeswoman for the Friends Of Brynhafod Field, said the group had had a constructive conversation with Mr Starbuck.

She said: "Mr Starbuck was of the opinion that the field was a dirty, unused, wasted site, based on observations he made when occasionally driving past the field. We were able to assure Mr Starbuck that the field is a clean, much used and loved space within the community.

"Brynhafod is in use 365 days a year to host recreational activities including children running around, playing football, badminton, kite flying.

"Others enjoy yoga, tai chi and tight rope walking. Children's birthday parties also take place. Locals meet in the field to walk and chat, or sometimes to be alone and read. Teenagers relax in the field, chat, laugh and play music.

"Mr Starbuck expressed concern about young children being knocked over by dogs. We were able to allay his fears by explaining that dog walkers are human too and the majority of owners would put their dog on a lead or leave the field if young children were running around.

"People do exercise their dogs in field, including the RNIB and residents who are wheelchair users, but dogs are under control and poop picked up."

Mrs Betts said they did agree that improvements could be made so that the space is used more by the local community, with possibilities including an increase in size of the small children's play area and the provision of more benches.

She said: "It was suggested to section off half the field, so that informal ball games could be played freely without dogs joining in, yet still enabling dogs to be socialised off lead.

"We are all keen to raise awareness of the memorial trees in the field, planted in recognition of the Boy's High School pupils who fell in WW2."

Homes are approved by councillors

AN 11th hour bid to stop 10 homes being built in St Martins near Oswestry has been lost.

Shropshire Council's north planning committee granted the reserved matters application on Tuesday for the homes to the west of Cottage Lane in the village.

Outline planning permission had already been granted for the development.

Villager Sue Heard said there were concerns about the narrow lane. She said that the main worry was the over development of the village and also the problems with the waste and surface water in St Martins.

Councillor Steve Davenport said that the condition that the water infrastructure should be in place before the houses were built had not been complied with.

But council officers stressed that the reserved matters could be passed as long as the water improvements were carried out before building work was started.

Meanwhile, in a separate development for the village, housing group Wrekin Housing Trust has unveiled plans to build more homes for local people.

The trust working on plans for a third phase of housing, following the success of its community-led developments in the village.

A community-led project board was set up last year to combat the issue of a lack of good-quality, affordable housing.

The third phase will provide a number of bungalows and a specially adapted property for a local family with a disabled child.

Osprey chicks are named

The chicks at the Dyfi Osprey Project have been named by volunteers

THREE osprey chicks have been ringed and named by volunteers in Mid Wales so they can keep track of them when they leave their nest this autumn.

The chicks at the Dyfi Osprey Project, near Machynlleth, were visited by a small team of experts, led by Tony Cross, who went up to the nest.

After carefully removing the chicks from the nest, the rings were attached to their legs and each chick was weighed. Each chick had a blue plastic ring placed on its right leg with a number on it and a smaller metal British Trust for Ornithology ring on its left leg so that they can be identified if they return to the Dyfi in the future. The three chicks, previously nicknamed Bob 1, Bob 2 and Bobby Bach, were given the ring numbers W1, W2 and W3.

While they were out of the nest they were placed in a bag and weighed, which helps experts determine their gender. They have also been named, and as in previous years, their names have been taken from Welsh rivers. Emyr Evans, from the Dyfi Osprey Project, said: "Bobby Bach, the youngest, has been ringed Blue W3. He is a male and we'll now call him Brenig. Bob 2, Blue W2, is a female called Celyn, and Bob 1 is a female we think. She has ring Blue W1 and is called Merin. We're delighted to say that all three chicks have been ringed and they all looked in absolutely perfect condition."

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Hillfort homes bid could go to inquiry says expert

Report by Sue Austin

A PLANNING inquiry could determine whether houses are built in the shadow of a hillfort, one of Britain's eminent archaeologists has said.

Dr Mike Heyworth, director of the Council for British Archaeology, made his first visit to the Old Oswestry Iron Age hillfort and said he was astounded that an application for a housing estate close to the monument could even be considered.

The site, off Whittington Road, was last month deemed to be suitable for housing by a government inspector as part of Shropshire Council's SAMDev planning blueprint for the future.

But Dr Heyworth said the fight to stop development was by no means over.

"There now has to be a planning application that will be considered by Shropshire Council and I believe that because the site is so close to a scheduled ancient monument, it could well go to a planning inquiry," he said.

"There is still a lot to fight for and I and the Council for British Archaeology are ready to do what we can to preserve the setting of the hillfort.

"It is one of the best preserved Iron Age hillforts in Britain. I am incredibly impressed with the hillfort, the ramparts are huge and still very much intact. Hillforts were the medieval castles of their time. The land surrounding them would have been homesteads on which people would live and farm.

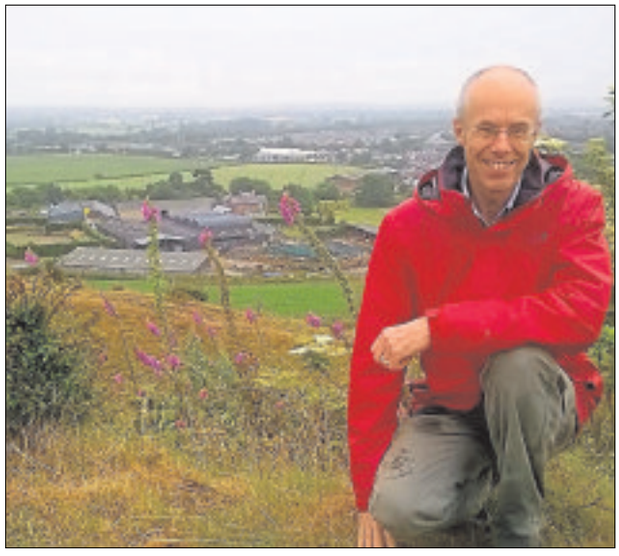
"In times of danger they would retreat to the hillfort. The National Planning Policy Framework states clearly that the significance of the monument can be harmed or lost through alteration or destruction of the heritage asset or development within its setting.

"The proposal to allocate this site for housing will clearly have a major impact on the setting of the monument. It will damage key views of the monument and have a major impact on the perception of the hillfort in its landscape."

Dr Heyworth praised the campaign group Hands off Old Oswestry Hillfort, for fighting planning applications close to the ancient monument.

"The exceptional work it has done has brought Old Oswestry to national and international attention," he said.

"It has already brought more visitors to the site, which can only bring economic benefits to the town of Oswestry. If people visit the hillfort they will probably also visit the town and spend money with local businesses. The campaign group's fight to stop development is far from over."



Dr Mike Heyworth on his visit to Old Oswestry Hillfort

Eisteddfod chair given by designer

A CHAIR has been presented to organisers of the National Eisteddfod ahead of the event next month.

The National Eisteddfod Chair has been presented to the executive committee ahead of the week-long event which will be held in Meifod near Welshpool.

The chair will be presented to the overall winner of the cultural event.

Carwyn Owen, chair designer, said: "I had so many opportunities to develop my skills as a member of the Montgomeryshire Young Farmers Club, first of all as a competitor, and then when I was invited to being asked to build the YFC Eisteddfod Bardic Chair.

"This gave me an interest in woodwork, and I was then invited to create the chair for the Powys Eisteddfod, a very exciting project. I was inspired by the wood's natural beauty and by the mountains in the area, steaming and bending the wood to enable me to create the shape of the mountains in the chair.

"Creating the chair for the National Eisteddfod has been a great honour, especially because I'm so young, and the project has been a wonderful experience. I hope people will like the chair and that there will be a winner who will give the chair pride of place in his or her home."

The Montgomeryshire and the Marches National Eisteddfod will be held between August 1 and 8.

For more information go to www.eisteddfod.org.uk

New era for leisure service

SPORT and leisure centre management services in Mid Wales have started a new era.

Cash-strapped Powys County Council has handed over the running of leisure centres in the county to not-for-profit leisure operator Freedom Leisure. The company has taken over management of the county's 15 sports and leisure centres as part of a 15-year contract. Councillor Graham Brown, cabinet member for leisure, said: "We are delighted to have appointed a company with Freedom Leisure's pedigree, they will bring a level of experience and expertise that will greatly benefit the residents of Powys.

"The decision to look for an external organisation to manage the county's leisure and sport centres was made with the intention of protecting future provision and ensuring that residents had access to quality sport and leisure facilities.

"We were extremely pleased with the quantity and quality of applications submitted to the council and were happy to award a contract at the conclusion of a rigorous tendering process.

"I am delighted to welcome Freedom Leisure to Powys – the green heart of Wales – and look forward to working in close partnership with the team in the coming years."

Ivan Horsfall-Turner, managing director for Freedom Leisure, said: "The wide range of sites gives us plenty of scope to enhance the leisure facilities in the region which, in partnership with the council, will benefit from an investment of around £2.5 million."

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

I'm 100 per cent behind local authorities asking for the power to fine car owners when litter is thrown from their vehicles.

The Local Government Association is lobbying for powers to issue penalties to car owners, regardless of who throws the litter from the vehicle.. The LGA wants to close the legal loophole by gaining powers to fine the owner of the car.

At the moment the actual offender has to be identified – a near impossible task.

The system already works successfully in London and must surely be extended to protect our countryside and save local councils hundreds of thousands of pounds in cleaning-up costs.

The problem was highlighted for me last weekend on a visit to Lake Vyrnwy, one of the country's most significant beauty spots.

How could someone abandon McDonalds containers at a designated pull-in, just yards from a visible bin and nearly 30 miles from the nearest takeaway?

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If you are sitting on a few spare quid this week you may like to donate it to a fund set up to send so-called comedian Russell Brand on a one-way trip to Syria.

A GoFundMe page has been established to raise the money for the one-way ticket after Brand made a string of sick jokes about last week's Tunisian beach massacre and then said he "had a good mind" to go to Syria but only if he could fly first class.

Brand also denounced the minute's silence held across the country in memory of those who died on the hotel beach, blaming the attack on Britain's policy of selling arms abroad, military interventions and bombing campaigns overseas.

He made his remarks in front of a stunned audience of just 100 in a Hackney theatre which tells you something about how popular this guy really is.

But he really shouldn't be allowed to get away with it.

Brand's attention seeking tirade is completely disrespectful to those who died or suffered horrific injuries.

Let's get donating and send him on his way.

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There was a great example in Welshpool this weekend of the need to open the Montgomery Canal network and connect Mid Wales to the rest of the UK.

Hundreds turned out to enjoy the Making Waves Festival which was designed to promote the waterway which is undergoing substantial work to make it one of Britain's great canals.

Seeing so much activity on the water and so many people visiting the town highlighted how important the canal could be to the economy of, not just Welshpool, but the whole Mid Wales region.

Francesca Curteis, in action for Stoke City Ladies, is heading over to the USA

Emily Curteis is carrying on with her football ambitions by signign with Everton

Emily and Francesca Curteis have enjoyed a lot of soccer success so far in their careers

Sisters ready to kick on with their football dream

Two sisters are taking slightly different paths in their soccer careers. PAM KINGSLEY reports

IT is a story every bit as good as the hit movie Bend it Like Beckham.

Identical twins Francesca and Emily Curteis are leaving their rural home for their first steps in the exciting world of professional football.

It could hardly be better timing for the 18-year-olds.

The women's game is starting to explode with more and more young girls taking up the sport which for years has been seen as game predominantly played by boys.

Interest

The interest in the women's game is continuing to grow thanks to competitions such as the Olympics and this year's women's World Cup.

England's women's national team have been capturing the public's imagination with their impressive exploits in the World Cup in Canada.

Francesca and Emily are hoping to emulate some of that success in their own football careers.

So while most of their classmates are contemplating going off on a gap year or starting their university career, Francesca and Emily are packing their soccer kit bags.

Careers

The twins started their footballing careers at Llanymynech football club 10 years ago, close to their home in Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant near Oswestry, and have been inseparable ever since.

But now Francesca is following in the footsteps of the girls in the hit British film starring Keira Knightly by winning a prestigious scholarship to a college in America.

Bend It Like Beckham has helped make women's football popular

Travel

She is preparing to travel across the Atlantic to play at Nicholls State University in Louisiana – while Emily is staying on this side of the Atlantic Ocean after signing for Everton Ladies FC.

Francesca will make the move in August to study and play for the Colonels soccer team.

While in the United States of America she will be combining her university studies with playing high level football for the next four years.

She said: "Nicholls State is an NCAA division 1 team and plays in the Southern Conference. My first game of the season is in Houston, Texas but I'll be travelling to places like San Antonio, Little Rock and Baton Rouge.

"I'm most looking forward to being able to see the world in a different perspective and also playing high standard 'soccer' whilst travelling around the south of the USA.

"Nicholls State is located in Thibodaux, LA, which means that it is going to be extremely hot.

Training

"I will be doing pre season training in 30 degree plus heat.

"I would say that the biggest difference between women's soccer in the USA compared to the UK is the fitness levels and the facilities as they are both at a much higher standard."

The scholarship was offered through PASS4Soccer, which gives out 100 scholarships to the US every year.

Emily was also offered a full scholarship in the States as well, but has turned it down as she has signed for Everton.

The girls are currently at Llanfyllin High School and play for Stoke City Ladies.

Life

Francesca, who has represented Wales at U16, U17 and U19 level, said: "We've been playing football all of our life and I would say the fact that we've got three older brothers influenced us a lot – they used to use us as goal posts when we were very little!

"When we were eight we joined Llanymynech Lemurs and were coached by Tim Turner, who was a very influential coach.

"After seven years at Llanymynech and winning five league titles and many cups we both moved on to Liverpool Centre of Excellence where we played there for three seasons, between when we were 15 and 17.

Experience

"During our time here we became FA cup champions which was an experience.

"I guess you don't really know how it'll be like without her until it happens, but it will be weird playing without her on my team.

"It is a massive change in our lives and it will be hard, but then again we are growing up."

Interest has grown gradually in the women's game, boosted by the high profile Team GB games in the 2012 Olympics.

While crowds and finances are far short of the men's game, there are significantly more opportunities for talented young women footballers to turn professional and earn a living in football, both directly and through sponsorship deals.

WORKING FOR YOU

For nearly five years the proposed line of pylons linking new wind farms in Mid Wales has threatened a stretch of open country south of Oswestry with a significant impact on a large number of constituents.

After years of campaigning, I am delighted that it looks like we have been successful as planning permission has not been finalised and the pylon route not confirmed. To the relief of great many people between here and Powys it is most unlikely the planned wind farm will happen, making the pylons unnecessary.

I am pleased that a majority Conservative government is able to take a new direction on onshore wind. Onshore wind farms often fail to win local support. To address the concerns of those affected, the Government has given more power to local communities on where wind farms can be built, with the final say resting locally. This new planning guidance took effect on June 18.

The Government is also legislating to close the Renewables Obligation scheme to new onshore wind from April 1, 2016, a year earlier than planned.

Wind farms have devastated landscapes, blighted views, divided communities, killed eagles, carpeted the countryside and the very wilderness that the "green blob" claims to love with new access tracks cut deep into peat, boosted production of carbon-intensive cement, and driven up fuel poverty, while richly rewarding landowners. I do not believe it is right that through increased utility bills my poorest constituents should be paying money to wealthy landowners. Furthermore the cost is rising, not falling. DECC wrongly assumed that the price of gas would only rise. Four years ago the then Liberal Democrat Energy Secretary confidently argued that renewables would be cheaper than gas by 2020. But this was based on a DECC forecast that gas prices would double. Yet on the coldest day of the year in January wind only produced one per cent of our energy needs. Whilst we have taken to wind more than many of our continental neighbours, the EU is bound to repeat our mistakes.

Wind capacity in the EU must rise from 83GW in 2010 to 984GW in 2050.This means an increase from 42,000 wind turbines across Europe, to nearly 500,000 wind turbines. This would require a vast acreage of wind turbines that would wall-to-wall carpet Northern Ireland, Wales, Belgium, Holland and Portugal combined. Obviously this is madness. The Conservatives have put a stop to subsidised wind farms in the UK and I hope that others start to follow our common sense example.

Owen Paterson
North Shropshire MP

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Time to look at how we staff hospitals

GOVERNMENT ministers are now cracking down on privately owned supply staff agencies, who fill the gaps when NHS staff, mainly nurses, are off for various reasons, a lot due to stress and pressure from superior staff to meet demands from Government.

We, the public, always fully support our nurses, except the few who haven't got the patients' interests at heart.

We have in most hospital authorities a senior administrative manager over the area's hospital NHS authority, earning more than our Prime Minister.

That cannot be justified.

Then we have nurses, who don't earn enough to pay their house bills, or even afford a mortgage, and struggle on high rents, receiving help financially from parents.

In some cases a NHS nurse, who is also registered with the NHS and private staff agencies, can and does work a minimum eight hour shift and one hour unpaid paperwork after that shift. Also, it could be a 12 hour shift plus one hour paperwork after the shift – then immediately back on duty, working the same ward, but usually another ward, under the private staff supply agency, and perform another shift back to back.

I spoke to a mature qualified nursing sister, who now only works part-time for the private staffing agency. She says she earns as much in three shifts as she would working a full week for the NHS, and it fits in well with her own family requirements, and of course the money is far better. This particular nursing sister no longer works for the NHS, or has ever done any double shifts, but she knows it goes on.

What are the private staff agencies doing, allowing their private staff to work double shifts or any shift without sufficient rest?

This must stop now.

DAVE ALLEN
Shropshire Hills

A long trip to register death of loved one is so very cruel

NOTHING can be more exciting than recording a marriage, civil partnership/gay marriage or birth of your first child, but finding time to do it can be hard.

Nothing can be more painful than registering a death of a loved one, which needs to be done with dignity and without fuss.

But now the Conservative run Shropshire Council says we might soon have to travel all the way from Ludlow to Shrewsbury to register a death, as well as a birth or marriage.

Shropshire Council is eyeing up reducing hours at Ludlow Registrars Office or closing it altogether.

Ok, I understand that the council needs to save money. Times are hard.

But at the same time the council wants to centralise services.

It was ever thus.

But to force people to take a 60 mile round trip by bus which is a six hour round trip from Clee Hill to register the death of a loved one is cruel.

And its assessment of how the changes will affect people with disabilities and mobility problems is badly flawed.

As a disabled person who suffers with cerebral palsy and congestive heart failure and lives in the rural area of Ludlow (Clee Hill) were there is only a bus one every two hours, I was appalled to read what they were proposing, not only for myself but for the other vulnerable, elderly and those people who do not drive, or are on benefits and have to save money to either get on a bus or train.

That is why I wrote to our recently re-elected MP Philip Dunne asking him firstly his thoughts on this matter and what he proposed to do about it. Mr Dunne has written back to me, informing me that he has written to Shropshire Council with my proposal of keeping the registry office open for two days a week. I am not going to give up on this until a satisfactory solution for the people of Ludlow has been resolved.

IAN MICHAEL GRIFFITHS
Clee Hill

Hill fort has been a landmark for many years

Wow – just look at all that space around the Old Oswestry hill fort. Lots of opportunities to build new housing nearby perhaps? The hill fort has been there since around 800BC, but this picture dates back only to the summer of 1994.

Concerns about plans to reduce our bus services

I WAS very concerned to read about the planned cutbacks to rural bus services, which will hit the poorest in our communities and those who are not able to drive.

Powys County Council's two options should be rejected as not acceptable.

Bus services in rural areas provide vital lifelines linking villages to towns, and providing social opportunities.

We must not allow the poor and those who are not able to drive to bear the brunt of these proposed cuts.

Powys must recognise their important role in tackling isolation and strengthening our villages and rural areas.

It is for those reasons that Powys needs to look at alternatives – more options – to make sure people can still access the services they need.

Plenty of rural areas have found cheaper, more effective ways of doing this.

I hope the council investigates this immediately.

JANE DODDS
Parliamentary Candidate for Montgomeryshire

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Trying to trace old school pal

MY maiden name was Marian Hillier and I am from Holyhead, Anglesey. I am trying to trace a childhood friend called Anwen Williams, date of birth January 21, 1953. We were in Parc Primary School from 1959 to 1964 in Holyhead. Her father worked in a bank in Oswestry, she had sisters called Marion and Sarah. I would dearly love to find her after all these years. I now live in Melbourne, Australia. Contact me by email on marian.griffiths@bigpond.com please.

MARIAN GRIFFITHS
Melbourne

Author deserves more support in his great work

I wonder how many of your readers have heard of the brilliant Welsh author Terry Breverton?

He is, without a doubt, the most prolific author of Welsh history books, with three or four excellent books a year frequently being published. If one enters "Terry Breverton, Welsh author" into Google or Amazon, one finds a long list of excellent English language books on Wales, on Welsh history, and on other interesting matters. They are brilliant value at very affordable prices. Yet, where is the support from Welsh publishers? It is apparent that Mr Breverton must go to England to get his thought-provoking books on Wales published.

Why is that, I wonder? Why is public money only channelled in certain well-worn directions in Wales? Why do some authors and publishers get huge financial support, while others like Terry Breverton are continually cold-shouldered by the "powers-that-be" in this little country?

LYN JENKINS
Cardigan

Are we really all in this together?

THE axe has fallen!

No wonder Osborne didn't want to announce it before the election.

Not £250,000, not £500,000 but a massive £1 billion!

And where is it going to fall?

On the vulnerable, the elderly and those in need of social care.

Visits to those trying to remain in their own homes and dependent on visits from care workers will be reduced to "How are you? Can't stop, see you tomorrow".

Some folk are already receiving just 15 minute calls.

These leaders at the top have no idea of what it is like on the ground floor. But still, with MPs going to get a 10 per cent pay rise, which will put them in the top seven per cent of the rich list, it's comforting to know we are still "All in this Together".

TERRY HILLIER
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Picture focus

Prince Charles took time to meet many of the competitors during his visit to Llangollen

The Royal couple have a chat with members of the crowd

Royals thrill crowd

PRINCE Charles demonstrated his dancing skills during a visit to the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod when he joined in with the traditional parade of nations.

Making his first visit to the festival since 2006, the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Duchess of Cornwall, called in as part of his annual tour of Wales.

The couple were clearly delighted with the colourful spectacle on display.

Report by Pam Kingsley

And the Duchess appeared to be highly entertained when members of the Sheerer Punjabi Bhangra Dancers grabbed hold of her husband's hands and pulled him into a dance with them, to the cheers of the crowds watching.

Narinder Singh said he was delighted Prince Charles had got into the spirit of the dance."I said to him he should have a dance with us," he said. "He seemed to enjoy himself. He was smiling and joining in." Another Indian dancer, Kajal Sharma, was delighted to meet the Prince for the second time.

"I danced for him in India more than 25 years ago and he remembered. It's just a coincidence that we met again," she said.

After meeting the competitors during the visit on Tuesday, Prince Charles, who is the patron of the eisteddfod, was handed a Welsh flag and asked to get the parade under way, which he did by waving the flag with a flourish.

The Royal couple have a chat with Eisteddfod President Terry Waite during their visit to the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

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Proposals for road are hit by a setback

CHANGES to improve the safety of a main village road which runs past a primary school will not be made for another year because parish councillors were too late in applying for help, dismayed residents have been told.

Weston Rhyn Parish Council had been pushing for changes to Station Road outside Weston Rhyn Primary School and had hoped they would be done this financial year.

But Shropshire Council's senior engineer David Gradwell has now written to councillors to say they did not submit their request in time for it to be considered for 2015/16.

As a result, the improvements will be considered as part of Shropshire Council's 2016/17 budget.

Parish Councillor Pat McGuinness, who compiled the list, said the council had been surprised and disappointed to receive the letter.

He said: "We were advised it has to be in by February and that is what we did.

"I was not under the impression it would be deferred for a year."

The changes were suggested after calls by residents to improve safety amid fears that a child could be seriously injured if nothing was done.

Man given order for kicking woman

A MAN who kicked a woman has been ordered to carry out 40 hours unpaid community work and must pay £85 costs, a court charge of £150 and a £60 victim surcharge.

Andrew Eaton, 27, of Berriew Street, Welshpool, had admitted a charge of assault by beating. The incident happened on May 7. Paul Inns, for Eaton, said his client had not caused any physical injuries.

Black Lion pub is at the heart of the community

WE MEAN BUSINESS

THE Oswestry and Border Chronicle is running a campaign called We Mean Business celebrating the town's businesses. This week we celebrate The Black Lion on Salop Road.

The Black Lion in Oswestry is a thriving local, run by husband and wife team, Terry and Claire Rogers.

The pub holds a sentimental value as it is where they met some 13 years ago. The friendly and relaxed atmosphere of this pub lends itself well to the pastime of enjoying a well-kept pint. With its low beamed ceiling and traditional snug, the original character remains the charm of this historic local. Since taking over the pub in March 2013 the couple have added some of their own ideas, such as a regular quiz night, a ladies rounders team and a cask ale club.

This has helped to introduce some customers to the different tastes and styles of cask ale. The Black Lion was also 1st runner-up in the West Shropshire Market Towns Pub of the Year Competition 2015, as well as a runner-up in Shrewsbury and West Shropshire CAMRA's Pub of the Year Competition 2015, putting it in the top nine of 278 real ale pubs in its half of the county.

Understanding that cask ale is not everyone's cup of tea, the couple also organise regular events.

The next event is a gin and tonic evening on Saturday, August 1. The tickets are limited and available from the bar.

Claire and Terry Rogers behind the bar of the Black Lion pub in Salop Road, Oswestry

NEWS IN BRIEF

New lease of life for village venue

A REVAMPED village pub has been given a new lease of life by its owners.

After nearly two years standing empty, The Plas Yn Dinas in Llanfechain has been stripped down to its original timbers, and given a new lease of life.

Owners Elaine Harper and her partner Ian Fuller, who is also the chef, had previously restored The Lime Kiln, in Porth-y-Waen.

Ms Harper said: "We've been so lucky that the locals, both from the village and further afield have been incredibly supportive, and they certainly seem to enjoy having their local pub back open again after it was closed for so long.

"We wanted to open quietly and get through any teething problems before announcing that we were open, but word seemed to spread so quickly around the valley that we've been inundated with customers who love what's been done to the building, and seem to be loving the food and drinks we have on offer."

Shoppers back street collection

THE organiser of a street collection in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support has thanked generous shoppers who donated more than £1,000.

The collection took place in Oswestry on June 13 and brought in £1,153.28.

It was organised by Margery James MBE, who said she was very grateful to everyone who had helped with the collection.

The next fundraising event will be a coffee morning on Friday next week at 43 Cabin Lane, Oswestry. The event will start at 10.30am and entrance will cost £1.50 to include coffee and a cake or savoury snack.

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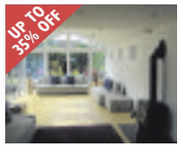

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Eight are arrested over car damage

EIGHT men were arrested after a car was damaged in a road rage attack.

Dyfed-Powys Police said an incident happened at a set of temporary traffic lights on the A458 near Llanfair Caereinion.

Pc Jim Baines, of Welshpool Police, said the damage occurred on Thursday last week.

The officer said: "Following what can only be described as an incident of road rage resulting in damage to a vehicle eight men were arrested in relation to it.

"We received a call and located two vehicles in Welshpool shortly after midnight.

"Eight men aged between 17 and 31 were arrested and have been bailed pending further inquiries."

Circular route for ramble group

GEOFF McLean will lead the Welshpool Ramblers' walk on Sunday starting at 10am from Clun Memorial Hall car park (OS Ref: 302811 / Sat Nav Postcode: SY7 8NY).

The 10-mile circular route, graded 'moderate' and with two hills, will include Curlew Corner, part of Offa's Dyke and Nuffield.

All are welcome, but no dogs are allowed on the walk.Further information can be obtained on (01686) 688465.

Advance notice is given of the walk on July 26 in the Aberdyfi area which is an 'early' start of 8am from Welshpool.

Further details will be published in a fortnight.

There was no walk on June 28.

School pupils become rugby writers for a day

Report by Andrew Morris

PUPILS from two schools in Welshpool became rugby reporters for the day when two players called in to see them.

Year six pupils from Ysgol Maesydre and the high school's year seven took part in a "Rugby Shorts" day funded by a grant from the Museums Archives and Libraries Wales and the Welsh Rugby Union as part of the celebrations for the forthcoming Rugby World Cup.

The event was organised by Powys County Council's Library Service and saw council staff from the communications team give the youngsters tips on how to interview the players, semi-retired player Nick Larder and the current Welshpool Ladies rugby player Jess Andrews.

Both Nick and Jess also coach at Welshpool Rugby Club. Nick is the under 16 coach while Jess coaches the junior girls squad in the town.

Councillor Graham Brown, the council's cabinet member with responsibility for libraries, said: "We were delighted to be involved in this project and are very grateful to the WRU for their generous funding for this as we wanted to use sport to capture the imagination of the pupils and engage them with storytelling. I've been informed that there was a lot of talent shown by the pupils at the session. Maybe we might see one or two of them following a career in sports journalism in the future."

Funding delight for play scheme

Lucia Samalova and Lianna Jones celebrate the funding boost

A COMMUNITY play scheme has been given £6,000 funding to help with its expansion in Welshpool.

Play Montgomeryshire has been handed the money by the Postcode Community Trust.

The funding will go towards providing extra staff to support two play sessions a week.

A shipping container will also be bought to store play resources and provide shelter from the weather when needed.

Bev Jones, spokeswoman for the Play Montgomeryshire group, said: "Play Montgomeryshire has been awarded over £6,000 by the Postcode Community Trust, a grant-giving charity, funded entirely by players of People's Postcode Lottery, to run open access, free, community play on the Oldford Estate, Welshpool.

"The project has involved purchasing and locating a shipping container to store play resources and to provide shelter when necessary and appoint staff to provide two supported play sessions a week, after school and during the school holidays, from Easter to October half term."

Man admits assault on ex-partner

A MAN has admitted assaulting his former partner after she told him she was ending their relationship.

Justin Robinson, 38, pushed the victim onto a bed five or six times before slapping her across the face, Welshpool Magistrates Court heard.

Robinson, of Trid Dwr, Llanwddyn, admitted a charge of assault by beating. Helen Tench, prosecuting, said police were called on June 29 to the couple's former home in Llanfair Caereinion.

She said: "Earlier in the day the victim had told the defendant that she was no longer wanting to be in a relationship with him and asked him to leave." Mrs Tench said later that day the victim asked the defendant to leave but he continually pushed her down onto a bed. "She went downstairs and called the police but he smashed the phone," Mrs Tench added.

"She then went to a neighbour's and he slapped her across the face."

Paul Inns, for Robinson, said his client did not recall much of the incident but accepted it. Robinson was given conditional bail to appear back at the court on July 28 for sentencing.

Vineyard to host art demonstration

A WATERCOLOUR demonstration will be held at a vineyard.

The event will be held at the Kerry Vale Vineyard at Pentreheyling, near Montgomery, onFriday next week between 6.30pm and 8.30pm.

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Students learn farm skills on visit

The North Shropshire College students on the quayside in Napier in New Zealand

North Shropshire College students receive a practical quad bike lesson

ELEVEN students from Shropshire have returned from a fortnight of farming on the other side of the world in New Zealand.

Swapping Walford for Wairarapa, the group from North Shropshire College spent two weeks learning about agriculture and sampling some of the nation's scenery.

The visit was hosted by Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre. The North Shropshire College students were taught a variety of practical skills such as quad bike driving, fencing and butchery during their visit to New Zealand.

The students then had the opportunity to practise what they had learnt by working at local farms.

The group was based close to the windy capital city of Wellington, at Taratahi's Masterton campus in the Wairarapa region. New Zealand was an ideal location for the students to visit for their college studies.

The country currently has a sheep to people ratio of around six to one and exports 60,000 tonnes of lamb to the UK every year.

When not honing their husbandry, however, the group did have the chance to explore the North Island of New Zealand.

They visited various attractions such as Lake Taupo and Rotorua.

Chloe Bird, one of two accompanying staff members, said the group had had an "amazing time".

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Osprey project in the running for big award

The Dyfi-Osprey Project received a grant from the lottery to built its observatory

A PROJECT to bring people of all ages face to face with rare birds has been shortlisted for the 2015 National Lottery Awards.

Report by Pam Kingsley

The Dyfi-Osprey Project, run by Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust, received a grant from the Lottery to built its "360 Observatory" and the completed building is one of six shortlisted out of 620 projects in the environment section of the awards.

And project manager Emyr Evans said a win could also help secure the future of the project, which will lose a large proportion of its funding in September.

Mr Evans said: "In 2012, Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust received a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and started work on designing and building a different kind of place to watch wildlife.We wanted to build a place where the wildlife comes to you, where you are encouraged to ask questions, not be silent, and where you can bring the whole family to learn and engage with the natural world around you like you never have before. Since opening during Easter last year on our Cors Dyfi reserve, almost 50,000 people have visited the 360 Observatory which, at its closest point, is less than 200m away from the osprey nest.

"There isn't a building anywhere in Britain like it. You can see up, down, left and right, and people can interact with the birds up-close.

"The project benefits volunteers, especially the older ones, some of whom were lonely before taking part. The observatory is an excellent way for them to pass the time and chat to people. If we win we get a huge amount of prestige which we dearly need right now. The project loses all external funding after this September."

Winners of the National Lottery Awards receive a £2,000 cash prize to spend on their project. Mr Evans said if they win, the money will be spent on the 360 Observatory Wheelchair Lift Fund.

"When we built the 360 Observatory we managed to get wheelchair users all the way there safely through the wet bogland and swamp on 550m of super-wide boardwalk on stilts made out of recycled materials. We have no electricity however, so installing a lift to the top level was impossible," he said.

The public is being asked to vote for the best project. Voting is open until July 29 and can be done by phone on 0844 836 9683 or at www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk

Good health is the focus of teen campaigners

A TEENAGER concerned by the high number of people with STIs in her peer group is urging people to learn more about sexual health.

Lauren Cowley and a group of friends in Oswestry are encouraging people to be safe when having sex and not put themselves or their partners at risk.

Lauren, 17, said: "More and more young people are getting STIs.We want them to realise the importance of wearing condoms to reduce these risks."

Lauren and her team have created a poster campaign with Fixers, a young person's charity, featuring a picture of four bananas. Two are healthy, ripe fruits while the others are blotchy and rotting. The images are accompanied by a statistic, stating that young people aged 16 to 24 account for half of all newly diagnosed STIs.

"We loved the poster. It's exactly what we were looking for to reach our target audience," said Lauren.

"We've used the accompanying hashtag #NoGloveNoLove as we thought it would be quite catchy and easy for people to remember."

Fixers supports people aged 16 to 25 to tackle or campaign about any issue that matters to them, however they choose. Each Fixer is supported by the charity's team of in-house creative professionals to produce a resource to get their chosen message across.

Many young people choose to create a short film, website, poster campaign, information leaflet, or hold an event or flash mob.

Concerns over closure proposals

THE closing of many of Shropshire's register offices will hit those suffering difficult times, councillors have warned.

Oswestry town councillors are protesting at the possible closure of the offices in Church Stretton, Wem and Bishop's Castle and the possible reduction of hours at the Ludlow office.

But the councillors welcomed news that Shropshire Council wants to increase the opening hours at the Oswestry registrar's office to create a full-time service.

Shropshire Council is consulting on changes to the register service in the county. It says the low usage of some of the offices combined with a reduction in staffing and future plans to be able to book ceremonies online, has led it to look at how the service can be altered to better serve communities and reduce costs. But at a recent Oswestry Town Council meeting, Councillor Sandy Best said shutting offices would not be serving communities. She said: "I am very pleased that Oswestry could get a full time service, but I feel very sorry for those people who will have to get into the bigger towns to use the service when their office closes."

Councillor Cynthia Hawksley said that those registering a death would be particularly affected.

"It is a difficult time anyway but then to have to struggle to get to a registrar's office makes it even more difficult," she said. Councillors are to write to Shropshire Council with their views.

Operation success

A POLICE operation targeting criminals on north Shropshire roads saw nearly 90 vehicles stopped, two drivers arrested for drug driving and nine vehicles seized.

Hundreds of police took part in Operation Crossbow on Wednesday last week which saw officers focus on roads in Oswestry and Whitchurch to clamp down on offences involving unpaid insurance, tax and un-roadworthy vehicles as well as cross county border criminals suspected of drug dealing and organised crime. The teams stopped nearly 90 vehicles and seized nine – four for no tax, two for driving without a licence and three for driving without insurance.

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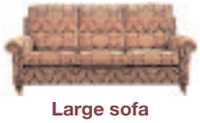

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Steve Hughes, group operations manager, said: "Following on from the record year of used car sales in 2014, the momentum has continued this year with April being the best month for used car sales in the group's history. With an increased demand for used Vauxhall and Peugeot models we have increased our advertising spend in the local media and at the same time launched a new dedicated used car website.

"Our new website can be accessed through www.arthurscars.co.uk which will regularly advertise between 250-300 used cars and vans from across our car dealerships.

"We have carried out research from visitors to our Vauxhall and Peugeot websites and many users wished to go directly into the list of used cars.

"Initial feedback from the new website has been extremely positive with users congratulating us on having such a busy to use site, but at the same time providing greater detail for each of the used cars featured."

Broadband advice

BUSINESSES have been invited to a free workshop which will give advice and guidance on how to get better broadband.

Shropshire Council, together with the Independent Networks Co-operative Association, is hosting the event on Wednesday.For more information visit www.inca.coop/civicrm/event/

Bosses turn to agency staff to help fill roles

Report by Thom Kennedy

EMPLOYERS in Shropshire are increasingly turning to agency workers to fill roles because they are still rebuilding following the financial collapse, according to a business chief.

Richard Sheehan, chief executive of Shropshire Chamber of Commerce, said companies still lacked the confidence to take on more staff.

It comes after a survey showed employers across the country were using agency workers to fill roles as they continue to struggle when recruiting skilled staff. The report by the Recruitment and Employment Confederation found that most firms have little or no capacity to take on more work without extra staff. More than four out of five of the 600 employers surveyed said they hired agency staff for skilled posts, up from 55 per cent two years ago.

Mr Sheehan said that locally, the use of agency workers was mainly because companies were still rebuilding their confidence following the financial crash. That means they remain cautious about investing in a full-time, permanent member of staff.

"We are in a situation where the level of confidence, while it has grown dramatically, is still some way away from all businesses being willing to commit to additional resources," Mr Sheehan said.

"As confidence builds we are seeing that companies will feel more comfortable in committing to recruiting somebody on a full-time basis."

Adviser award delight for Heather

Sonia Bellfield presents the award to Heather Noble

OSWESTRY businesswoman Heather Noble of Salt Solutions was named best business adviser at a recent celebration event hosted by Young Enterprise Shropshire

Young Enterprise is a national programme during which secondary school children have the opportunity to operate a business for a year. The scheme, largely run by volunteers, seeks to develop communication and decision making skills whilst delivering a basic understanding of business. Heather has been a volunteer business adviser at The Marches School in Oswestry for the last three years and picked up the award at the Park Inn Hotel in Telford. The award was presented by Sonia Bellfield, director of human resources for award sponsors Muller Dairy.

Heather said: "Naturally I am thrilled to be recognised in this way but my input is just one very small part of this incredible project. Every year I am completely overwhelmed by the work the young people of Shropshire do as part of the Young Enterprise Project and I absolutely believe that the skills and experience they acquire will stand them in great stead for the their future careers.

"In the work I do I meet so many people who are seeking to develop their confidence, their ability to communicate and their leadership and management skills, many of whom would have benefited greatly from a scheme like this when they were at school."

Team has a ball to raise hospice cash

A TEAM of big hearted trailer makers raised £15,000 for a children's hospice charity near Oswestry – and had a ball at the same time.

Staff at Ifor Williams Trailers kicked off their fundraising for the Ty Gobaith/Hope House organisation with a series of penalty shoot out competitions for which they built a special trailer.

The charity needs to raise £5 million a year to maintain their vital services for children with life-limiting conditions.

They have two hospices, Hope House near Oswestry and Ty Gobaith in the Conwy Valley which is celebrating its 10th anniversary last year.

The charity is currently helping more than 500 families from across North and Mid Wales, Cheshire and Shropshire

The cheque was presented on behalf of Ifor Williams Trailers by team leader Geraint Jones and production operatives Gareth Evans and Emyr Jones who were given a guided tour of the Ty Gobaith hospice.

The first of the shoot-outs was held at last year's Urdd Eisteddfod in Bala and a number of other events were held during the year.

According to Geraint Jones, the visit was a "very humbling experience".

He added: "It's fantastic to see the facilities and what they do here. It's a brilliant place, providing a much needed service.

"I'm proud we have raised money for the hospice It means a lot. I've worked at Ifor Williams Trailers for 27 years." Gareth Evans, whose wife works as a carer at the hospice, said: "I am very glad that we raised the money because it's such a worthwhile charity and they need every penny to keep the services going."

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Guesthouse's excellence is recognised

A GUESTHOUSE has been given an excellence award by a travel website.

Laurels guesthouse in Oswestry received a 2014 Award of Excellence from Booking.com.

The award is based on customer reviews which gave the guesthouse an average mark of 9.8 out of 10.

The business is run by Howard and Kim Martin, who took it over in 2013 thanks to a business grant from the old Oswestry Borough Council.

Mr Martin said: "We are very pleased with this award and have framed it and put it in the dining room.

"We have lovely people staying so it doesn't even feel like work.

"A lot of people, who go to various events and attractions across the local area, do tend to come and stay here.

"For example when Whittington Castle had its medieval re-enactment event there was a lot of families and guests who were staying over."

The family home turned bed and breakfast was built in 1899 and is just outside Oswestry town centre.

Mr Martin ran a shop for numerous years then decided to close in 2013 because he wanted to do something else.

After reading an article about the decrease of accommodation in Oswestry, he took up the offer of the council's business grant and Laurels was opened in September 2013.

"We have had people who are local, coming to visit friends and families and also people from the other side of the world like China and Australia," Mr Martin said. "However, I would tell people to book well in advanced because our rooms fill up very easily.

"It's always been popular – we set business targets for occupation levels for 12 months, but we beat it in the first five months."

Competition for skilled workforce is hotting up

Report by Sue Austin

BUSINESSES in Shropshire are expanding at such a rate that competition to employ skilled staff is higher than at any time in recent years.

That's the view of solicitors at a law firm in Oswestry, whose employment department has seen a major rise in businesses taking on new staff.

Lanyon Bowdler has a base in Church Street and offices across the county and its head of employment law, John Merry, says many clients are reporting strong performance which is being reflected in growing staff numbers.

"We are seeing this pattern pretty much across the board, and a lot of our clients have expanded their workforce significantly over the past year," he said.

"For instance, the Dodd Group, a national electrical and mechanical engineering group with its head office in Telford, which has experienced a 15 per cent growth in employee headcount since the end of 2014, while Hoshizaki, a leading manufacturer of commercial kitchen and food service equipment, has seen its workforce in Telford increase by nine per cent over the same period.

"And both of these businesses are still recruiting."

Another side to the growth of the economy is the lack of skilled workers available for businesses in some sectors, particularly engineering, with many firms finding it difficult to recruit staff, Mr Merry said.

Internal sales team is expanded

Claire Woolgrove, Nicola Naylor and Kayleigh Richards

VCW Security, one of the UK's leading distributors of IT security solutions, has expanded its internal sales team to position the company for a further period of expansion.

Over the last 12 months revenue growth has exceeded 100 per cent and these appointments are part of a major recruitment drive to meet the increasing demand for next generation IT security solutions.

As part of the firm's policy for developing local talent there have been three appointments to the internal sales team from the Oswestry area.

Nicola Naylor, Claire Woolgrove and Kayleigh Richards will be responsible for liaising with corporate IT users and stimulating opportunities for reseller partners by promoting its full range of security solutions and services.

Simon Jackson, commercial director of VCW Security: "I am pleased to welcome Nicola, Claire and Kayleigh to VCW Security.

"With previous experience of working with customer facing environments they will be a valuable addition to the team and will play a key role in developing business opportunities for our resellers located across the UK. We are committed to offering employment opportunities to local people many of which have gone on to work with some of the world's leading IT technology companies."

Firms want more support for tourism

BUSINESS leaders are calling for more to be done to promote Oswestry as a tourist destination.

Jools Payne, chairman of Oswestry Chamber of Commerce, said the calls were made during last week's group meeting.

Mrs Payne said: "We welcomed the chairman of the Shropshire Business Board, Mandy Thorn MBE, as our guest speaker. Mandy explained the Marches LEP's role in delivering sustainable economic development in the region and invited chamber members to contribute their thoughts on potential growth areas in Oswestry.

"There was a groundswell of opinion that much more could be done to develop and market Oswestry's clear potential as a tourist town, particularly in light of shrinking support from Shropshire Council.

"There was unanimous agreement in particular that Oswestry's town and business leaders should take greater ownership of and capitalise on our superb independent shops offering – a significant point of difference over larger neighbouring towns."

The chamber meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the Townhouse in Willow Street from 6pm. Visit www.oswestrychamber.co.uk for details of how to register for the meeting .

Happier passengers

THE number of passengers satisfied with their rail journey is at a new high for Arriva Trains Wales – which runs services in Shropshire – according to new survey results.

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Oswestry Mayor Peter Cherrington and Mayoress Wendy Cherrington

Peter Wilcox-Jones, Tori James and Julian Noad

Students listened carefully to the speech

Hundreds at event

Report by Harry Leather

HUNDREDS gathered at Oswestry School on Saturday to celebrate the end of the academic year.

The school's annual speech day saw former students mix with current staff and pupils for a day of sport, speeches and prize-giving.

More than 800 people attended in glorious sunshine, for what headmaster Julian Noad described as a "fabulous" day.

He said: "We had record numbers.

"There was so many people that we had to seat people outside of the marquee."

Adventurer Tori James was the guest speaker and delivered what Mr Noad said was a "truly inspirational" speech.

In 2007 Miss James became the first ever Welsh woman and then-youngest British woman to climb to the summit of Mount Everest.

Her expeditions have raised more than £40,000 for charity.

"Tori spoke passionately and really enthralled the audience," said Mr Noad.

"She delivered a message of ambition and inspiration."

Other speakers included chair of the governors Peter Wilcox-Jones and Mr Noad, who was celebrating the end of his first year at the school.

The headmaster used his address to explain the progress the school has made under his stewardship, during which he has focused on "excellence in the classroom."

The traditional school versus Old Oswestrian cricket and rounders games took place in the afternoon and the day ended with a summer ball for 320 people.

Entertainment was provided by local band Monsta Ball who, said Mr Noad, had the marquee rocking.

Hundreds attended the annual Oswestry School Speech Day celebrations

Guest speaker Tori James shares a joke during the event

The annual speech day at Oswestry School was well attended

Headmaster Julian Noad addresses the audience

School pupils were delighted to attend the annual Speech Day event

Homes & Gardens

A four-page supplement featuring helpful hints and advice

The country look is timeless and so family-friendly

COUNTRY style is surely one of the most timeless, adaptable and family-friendly looks around, with its emphasis on comfort and informality.

Even if you don't live in a picture book cottage adorned with roses, a stately home or a cabin set in the woods, you can still embrace rustic chic.

Well-loved furniture (a distressed finish is an asset), natural materials and interesting textures are vital ingredients.

Then all that's needed is a little flair to choose a look which perfectly suits your rooms.

"I love a traditional, timeless country look and all the charm that comes with it," says Samantha Parish, interior design account manager at Hypnos Beds. "By using a selective colour palette of soft neutrals, mixed with darker, woodland greens and river blues, you can create a stunning country lodge-style that's luxurious and homely in equal measure.

"Play around with different looks and enjoy a pastoral scene no matter the view outside."

Laura Ashley's synonymous with country style, with interpretations to suit every taste.

Its Aviary Garden design of delicate leaf and birds, currently reduced online, is truly charming. Wallpaper, £19.50 a roll, Bed Set (Double), £48, and Aviary Garden Apple Ready Made Curtains, from £47.50.

Roll up for top painting tips

Advertising Feature

TO paint walls and ceilings quickly and easily, you'll need an emulsion roller. But what do you look for when choosing and using one? Most DIY stores will have a huge selection of decorating equipment to choose from, often leaving shoppers confused. Here are some top tips to make decorating your home just that little bit easier.

First of all check that the roller has a heavy wire frame and that you'll be able to get replacement sleeves, the bit you apply paint with, so you don't have to bin the whole roller when the sleeve gets worn or you fail to clean it properly.

Roller sleeves take a great deal of cleaning in water and if you inadvertently leave any paint to dry on the sleeve, it may ruin the finish the next time you paint.

If you don't have time to clean the sleeve properly, it's tempting to leave it to soak.

But this can cause the frame to rust, which bleeds into the paint when you use the roller.

So take the sleeve off the frame first.

The roller should be stiff, otherwise it will bend when you apply pressure, causing you to paint unevenly.

To stop a roller shedding fibres, wrap masking tape around the sleeve.

When you peel off the tape, any loose fibres should come away with it.

The fibres, known as the nap, are made of different materials and come in different lengths.

Some are designed to produce a smooth finish on interior walls; others are for rougher surfaces, such as exterior render.

Generally, the shorter the nap, the finer the finish will be.

It's handy to have a roller with a screw-thread end because this allows you to screw an extension pole into it for painting ceilings and really high walls, although you can get extension poles/rollers in one.

Using a good emulsion roller will help you complete your painting tasks quickly and easily

Choosing the right paint and roller for what you need is vital for successful DIY painting

Having a set of good brushes helps you give your paintwork a fine finish

For painting behind radiators, use a radiator roller, which has a small head and long handle so you can reach down behind the radiator.

You'll have to remove column radiators and heated towel rails to paint behind them.

Summer is the ideal time to do this job because you don't need the heating on.

One of the main problems with rollers is that they leave 'tracks', which are lines of paint from the side of the roller that ruin the finish. The more you try and roller these out, the more they can appear, which is very frustrating.

Rollers with bevelled edges are less likely to leave tracks, so look out for these.

Always check the surface you've just painted for any tracks you've missed.

It is often easier to remove them lightly with a paintbrush.

Many DIY retailers have a good stock of essential decorating equipment. Shoppers can stock up on good value painting essentials at Wilko (www.wilko.com).

The Wilko Best Roller Kit 9in for example has a micropoly sleeve to pick up more paint and a screw-thread handle to take an extension pole.

It comes with a paint tray that's much deeper than most and so easier to use because the paint doesn't spill over the sides.

With two compartments for your brushes, this is an extremely well-designed tray.

You won't get far without good brushes, and the Wilko Best Brush Set 5pk fits the bill nicely.

The set comprises five comfy to hold brushes in a range of sizes, with long bristles that hold their shape and don't shed – unlike some other cheaper brushes.

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Different faces of country style

COUNTRY style's got many faces – it can be rustic, charming and chintzy, cool and modern or even a mix of all three. Gabrielle Fagan harvests three chic looks for country lovers

Even if you don't live in a picture book cottage adorned with roses, a stately home or a cabin set in the woods, you can still embrace rustic chic, with its emphasis on comfort and informality.

Well-loved furniture (a distressed finish is an asset), natural materials and interesting textures are vital ingredients. Then all that's needed is a little flair to choose a look which perfectly suits your rooms.

BLOOMING COUNTRY

Nature's palette and floral designs are the classic decor choice and will create a fresh, colourful interior that brings the outdoors in."Once the preserve of the mock-Tudor brigade, country style is fast becoming a multi-faceted look, which is increasingly finding its way into diverse types of property," says Alison Cork, founder of online interiors company Within."Florals and toiles are making a comeback, and these can look decorative and feminine set against white-washed walls, or will soften a slightly more macho scheme featuring exposed brick work and wooden beams.

"There's no end to the versatility of country, which is why it's endlessly popular and one of the easiest and most affordable schemes to create."

VINTAGE COUNTRY

Play with texture, scale and well-worn finishes for a look which is relaxed and eclectic.

"The country aesthetic can be achieved in many different ways, however, I prefer country with a vintage, rustic feel," says Jenny Seabrook, buyer at Topps Tiles. "Mixing different textures and materials helps create a subtle layered look, whilst textured linear tiles create a brick effect, perfect for recreating an exposed barn wall.

"For a more traditional style, opt for a pattern and play around with dimensions and different layouts to inject a modern twist. Arts and Crafts-inspired floral and encaustic designs work perfectly with French-style wooden furniture with a distressed finish."

NEW COUNTRY

This fresh reinvention of country conjures a calm, uncluttered, refined atmosphere, allowing beautifully-crafted furniture and possessions to star. "New country makes a historical style statement which is quintessentially British," enthuses John Sims-Hilditch, managing director of furniture specialists, Neptune. "There's a comfortable confidence about this look that makes it easy to live with and, because there's no rigidity or rules for this interpretation, there's the freedom to mix old with new, and contrast tradition with innovation.

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It's all coming up roses thanks to the weather

EVERYTHING is blooming in the rose garden this year, thanks to the mild winter and spring, with little in the way of frost, providing stress-free conditions for growing.

Varieties looking particularly stunning include 'Super Trouper', 'You're Beautiful', 'Aphrodite' and 'Lady of Shalott', as well as English old rose hybrids such as 'Gertrude Jekyll' and 'Darcey Bussell'.

While they once used to be grown on their own in dedicated beds, they're now grown in mixed borders with other shrubs and perennials, but given the huge variety of roses on sale you have to be careful what to plant and where to achieve the best results.

Compact roses with an upright habit are suitable for small gardens where beds are only 1m (40in) wide, so choose compact floribundas, patio roses and smaller English roses.

For larger borders you'll get a great effect planting less vigorous varieties in threes which will grow together to appear like one big shrub, while larger shrub roses are best planted singly further back in the border.

Good plant partners include clematis, which can climb through the roses and also enjoy the same conditions and similar feeds, while in mixed borders soften roses with airy specimens such as catmint or lavender, which look amazing beneath creamy rose flowers, or mix it up with lady's mantle (Alchemilla mollis) and perennial geraniums.

If you want a longer season, it's worth looking for repeat-flowering shrub roses such as Portland or English roses from David Austin which combine the flower form of old shrub roses with the repeat-flowering quality of many modern varieties.

So, how do we keep our roses blooming?

By midsummer the first flush is usually coming to an end, so you'll need to tidy up shrub and bush varieties by dead-heading and removing clusters of faded flowers.

When the flowers of floribundas and hybrid tea roses have faded, remove the whole truss, cutting the stem just above the second or third leaf down.

Hopefully, a little TLC will lead to repeat-flowering blooms and a delicious heady fragrance during those balmy summer evenings.

Staff member Emma Pike in the rose garden at RHS Garden Wisley where the roses are the best they have been for many years

Top tipple ideas for your summer picnic

A MOVEABLE feast that originated in France, within time the 'perfect pique-nique' has translated into a jaunt in the countryside laden with blankets, wicker baskets and a generously sized cooler bag.

Its history can be traced back to a 1692 edition of Origines de la Langue Francaise de Menage where the word pique-nique appears in print for the first time. But it wasn't until the 19th century when we fell in love with the idea of eating outside and Victorian-style picnics became de rigueur.

Come rain or shine, one of the joys of a picnic is it's quite adventurous and a great way to relax and unwind – once you've set up a tempting spread and poured yourself a well-deserved drink.

A winning ingredient for any picnic are ready-to-drink beverages such as Fentimans & Bloom Bloom Gin & Rose Lemonade look as delightful as they taste.

Inside the old-fashioned glass bottle is a light style of gin mixed with Fentiman's rose lemonade.

Serve over ice and banish any misconceptions – this floral concoction was awarded a gold medal at the Pre-Mixed Drinks Challenge 2015.

Not as bracingly bitter as some bitter liqueurs, Picon is a French orange liqueur that balances bitter with sweet and sour.

A moderate measure tastes refreshingly good in the summer heat when it is served with a bit of ice, tonic and a nice slice of orange.

Infused with natural extracts of orange peel, quinine and gentian root, it makes a great base for cocktails, but to keep it simple for dining alfresco, this caramel-coloured liqueur can also be served with beer for some extra tang – as enjoyed by our Gallic cousins.

It may sound obvious, but mixing things up with a new recipe can put the ritz back into a spritz; especially if you want to hit the right note after serving a light aperitif before lunch.

Wild Elderflower Spritz 4 Bottle Gift Pack with Carry Box is an effervescent blend of sparkling perry, elderflower and a dash of gin, offering a refreshing alternative to a glass of wine, with hints of pear and floral notes. Add a small measure of The Bitter Truth Elderflower Liqueur and it lifts this burst of summer flavours to another dimension with a hint of honeysuckle.

A refreshing drink is essential for any summer picnic

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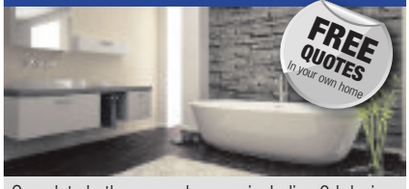

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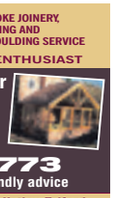

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Luxurious home has many original features

A "must see property", Bank Villa, Shrewsbury is a luxurious five-bedroomed detached country property and converted barn.
Lovingly refurbished with many original features, it is for sale through Town & Country at £435,000.
It has an entrance hall, a dining room, kitchen, an office area, WC/utility, a sitting room/playroom with solid oak flooring and bi-fold doors, a snug with quarry tile flooring, a brick inglenook, cast iron log burner and oak beam over, a lounge with solid oak flooring and a cast iron log burner.
There is also a rear hall, cellar, first landing with two bedrooms off, a further landing, two further bedrooms and a luxury bathroom with a roll top style bath.
At the front of the property is a double gated entrance onto a large parking area for several vehicles, a gravelled and lawned area with mature trees.
At the side of the property there is an additional entrance leading to the generous rear garden with a purpose built outbuilding and WC. For further information contact Town & Country on (01691) 679631 or www.townandcountryoswestry.com

Cottages in village present an investment opportunity

1&2 Bwythyn Derw Cottages at Bwlch-y-Cibau comprise a highly desirable investment opportunity consisting of a pair of converted cottages, ideal for letting out on either short term or long term assured shorthold tenancies. The cottages are of stone elevation under pitched slated roofs having been converted approximately 10 years ago. They are for sale for £190,000 through Halls. For more details contact Halls on 01938 555552.

Property in village still has attractive original features

Town & Country is pleased to offer this unique six bedroom house with original features. Currently split into two semis providing a four bedroom property and a two bedroom annexe/semi, the property is located in the beautiful village of Glyn Ceiriog. This would be an ideal opportunity to turn the property into a bed and breakfast/holiday let on one of the properties or change back into a large family home. The property is on the market for £265,000.
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For further information contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 or visit the website at www.jjdell.co.uk

Rural smallholding has generous gardens

A highly desirable rural smallholding with an attractive detached and extended period cottage, Pont-y-Forwyn has varied and generous gardens and grounds together with paddocks extending in all to six acres. It is on the market through Halls for £325,00. Pont-y-Forwyn lies between the two popular rural villages of Llansantffraid and Llanfechain. Llansantffraid lies under a mile away, Welshpool 11 miles and Oswestry 9.2 miles, and Shrewsbury 25.7 miles.

The nearest village of Llansantffraid has a good range of local amenities. Call Halls on 01938 555552 for details.

Extended detached house available in popular village

An extended detached house, 18 Peverel Drive in Whittington is on the market with Morris Marshall & Poole for £255,000.

The property has four bedrooms, two of which are en-suite. Other accommodation includes lounge, dining room, living kitchen, utility area, cloakroom and office/snug. The property benefits from gas-fired central heating and double glazing. There are good sized gardens to side and rear and there is a large timber built vehicle/fuel store. Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595 for more details.

Idyllic property is in stunning countryside

A truly idyllic detached country property in stunning countryside, Rose Cottage, Bryn, Nantmawr, Oswestry has views to every side of it. It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £220,000. Approached through a gate the front door opens to a lounge which has a large inglenook fireplace with slate hearth and stone surround with a log burner, a dining room, kitchen with a built-in oven , cloakroom and pantry, two bedrooms and a bathroom, store room one, a log store and a garden store and a recently built garage/workshop. For further information contact Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367 or visit www.bowensonandwatson.co.uk

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6 Upper Lord Street, Oswestry £79,995

Mid terraced house. Lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom. Gas-fired central heating. Majority u.p.v.c. double glazed. Rear yard and shared alley access. Within walking distance of town centre. First-time buyer or investment property. EPC Rating = 64 (D)

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10 Roft Street, Oswestry £129,000

Three storey mid terraced town house. Front forecourt approach and rear garden. Gas-fired central heating. Two reception rooms and kitchen. G/ floor shower room, second floor bathroom. Three bedrooms and box room. Available with no onward chain. EPC Rating = 63 (D). No Chain

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NO CHAIN 2 BEDROOMS

Rose Cottages, Llansantffraid

This Grade II Listed property boasts a wealth of character and charm throughout. Having recently undergone an extensive scheme of renovation and updating which has enhanced the appeal of this delightful home. The accommodation comprises: Sitting Room, Dining Area, Kitchen, Landing, Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Bathroom, Workshop One with WC, Garden Store, Avery/ Garden Store, Generous Size Garden with Pond.

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3 BEDROOMS

Glandwr, Llansantffraid

This wonderful semi detached family home dates back to 1845. Offering an abundance of character and charm which complimented by its contemporary interiors. There are three spacious reception rooms, kitchen, utility, boot room and WC and on the first floor, three double bedrooms and family bathroom. The property does come with the benefit of a good size garden and country views. Living Room, Home Office, Pantry, WC, Cellar, Kitchen, Dining Room, Utility Room, Boot Room, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. EPC Rating F

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NO CHAIN DETACHED BUNGALOW

Maes Myllin, Llanfyllin

This detached two bedroom bungalow is situated in a pleasant location within walking distance to Llanfyllin Town. The property offers spacious and well proportioned accommodation which comprises: Reception Hall, Kitchen Breakfast Room, Lounge Dining Room, Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Bathroom, Double Garage, Ample Parking, Gardens to Front, Side and Rear. EPC C.

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4 BEDROOM DETACHED

Rhewl Lane, Gobowen

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The Birches, Dolywern

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NO CHAIN HOUSE & LAND

Wern Ddu Farm, Penybontfawr

A wonderful opportunity to purchase an immaculate and well appointed detached house which dates back to the 1880's. Accompanied by a range of outbuildings and 5 .5 acre paddock. In the most picturesque rural location with the well known Welsh landmarks, Lake Vyrnwy and Llanrhaeadr Waterfall nearby. Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, WC, Conservatory, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Bedroom Two with Ensuite, Bedroom Three, Bathroom, Workshops, Gardens. EPC Rating E.

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NO CHAIN 7 BEDROOM DETACHED

Upper Well Close, Oswestry

This superb executive detached family home is situated in a lovely private location within this sought after development. The accommodation is presented to a very high standard throughout and comprises, three reception rooms, kitchen breakfast room with utility, two master bedrooms with ensuites, three further bedrooms served by bathroom and a shower room, office and studio room, landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating C.

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NO CHAIN DETACHED HOUSE

The Old Post Office, St Martins

A wonderful opportunity to purchase a substantial detached house offering spacious accommodation which provides development potential. The property comprises: Reception Hall, Sitting Room, Kitchen, Utility, Cloakroom, Living Room, Laundry Room, First Floor Open Plan Lounge and Kitchen, Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Bathroom, Landing Two with Bedroom Three, Landing Bedroom, Bathroom, Former Post Office Shop with WC, Workshop, Gardens, Parking. EPC Rating D.

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Rectory Coach House, West Felton

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Sycamore Cottage, Treflach

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Upper Brook Street
Oswestry **£129,995**

- A delightful 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace Cottage style property
- The property has recently been re-decorated and re-carpeted
- Lounge, Dining Area, Kitchen, 2 first floor Bedrooms and Shower Room
- Rear patio area with charming cottage style garden and off road parking area
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NEW PRICE

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- A well appointed and spacious 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House
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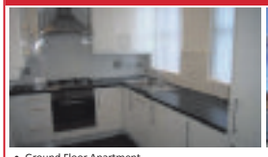

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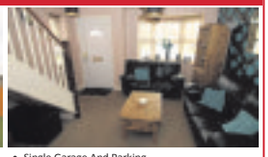

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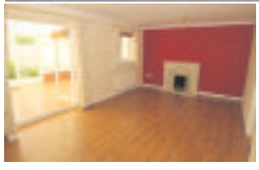

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Clerical Error morris dancers entertained the crowds

Dave Walker shows how to tie a knot during the Making Waves event at Welshpool

Wendy Early aboard her boat Emerald

Vessels of all shapes and colours attended the Making Waves event at Welshpool

Waterway event is huge success

HUNDREDS of people flocked to an event which saw a canal wharf filled with boats for the first time in years.

Report by Amy Downward

A collection of motor cruisers, steam, electric and model boats were on display at the Making Waves event in Welshpool at the weekend.

In addition, the two boats of the Welshpool-based Heulwen Trust, which offers canal rides for the disabled, provided public trips through both days. The opening ceremony on Saturday was attended by Russell George, Montgomeryshire AM, and the mayor of Welshpool, Councillor Malcolm Douglass.

Both arrived in the Heulwen Trust's newest boat, Silver Lady.

On the canalside there was a range of stalls and displays, including waterway crafts, blacksmithing, canal ropework, and slaking lime.

Children were also able to try fishing and canoeing, and watch the radio-controlled model boats.

Both days saw a selection of musical entertainers, with an added troupe of morris dancers on Saturday. On Sunday Day-Star Theatre from Audlem performed a specially-commissioned canal comedy – six characters played by two actors.

Michael Limbrey, chairman of the Montgomery Waterway Restoration Trust, said: "The Montgomery Canal has so much to offer, to Welshpool and the area, and as an extension of the national waterway network.

"It's special built and natural heritage has survived more than many other lost canals, and as part of the North Wales border waterway network from the World Heritage Site to Newtown it links so many places of interest: stately homes, long-distance footpaths, medieval castles, heritage railways and ancient earthworks."

"Making Waves shows what the canal will be like when it really lives again with boats coming to Mid Wales from the 3,000 miles of navigable river and canal across England and Wales.

"It was a fantastic event with a great atmosphere."

Visit www.makingwaves2015.co.uk for more details.

Newtown Mayor Neil Bradshaw meets Richard Edwards

Bernard Snell flies the flag on Independence Day

There was musical entertainment on hand at the waterways event

Memories of early days of motoring in county

Veteran car owner G.B. Corser, of Shrewsbury

IN the early days of motoring, one of the new-fangled machines in Shropshire would probably have attracted a crowd – and it might well have been an angry crowd.

Because there was a popular view that motorists were reckless roadhogs, risking the life and limb of others and scaring the horses.

Those going at breakneck speeds – that is, any speed over the legal limit of 12mph – would be caught in police speed traps (using stopwatch technology) and hauled before the courts to receive heavy fines from unsympathetic magistrates.

In 1898 one Edward John Pennington of Wolverhampton paid the price for overdoing things in the Shifnal and Albrighton area.

"A number of witnesses were called to prove that the defendant was driving a motor carriage at rates varying, according to the evidence, from 18 to 25 miles an hour," it was reported.

Pennington said he was going downhill and was only a little over, and in any event his machine had three powerful brakes and could be pulled up "within a distance of a few yards." He was fined £12 which, with costs, came to nearly £19, which was very stiff for the time. As early as 1903 an organisation was formed in Shrewsbury called the Shropshire Association for Protection Against Reckless Motor Driving calling for legislation because of the menace caused by the "high speed at which motor cars are frequently driven".

So who was Shropshire's first motorist?

Early hand-built cars cost a fortune and only the wealthy could afford them.

The first car used in Shrewsbury is said to have been owned by Frederick Matthew Groves, of Castle Street. It had a Daimler engine, 5.5 horsepower, tube ignition, tiller steering, and a gate change of three forward and one reverse gear. It had chain drive, solid tyres, and carried nine people, including the driver. It plied for hire in Shrewsbury and Rhyl before 1899.

Apart from Mr Groves, some of the other motoring pioneers in Shropshire were Dr Whitwell, Dr Stowell, Dr Cureton, Mr William Toy, Captain Forster of Apley, Lord Forester, Sir Offley Wakeman, Mr Perkins (Sundorne Castle), Mr Cavan (Eaton Mascott), Colonel S.D. Price-Davies (Shrewsbury), Dr Lyttle (St John's Hill), Sir Alfred Bilston, Mr A.C. McCorquodale, Mr Jones (Alberbury), Mr G.R. Greatorex (Mytton House), and Mr F. Bibby (Hardwicke).

Mr Mark Davies, of Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, was another, and opened a garage in Dogpole. At the time the word "garage" was quite new and he constantly had to tell people: "No, it's not a place for a cup of tea and some cakes."

The first car Mr Davies had was a little De Dion Bouton, which weighed about two tons and had a 4.5 horsepower engine. It was so noisy that no horn was needed, and the drivers wore earflaps to deaden the din. The car went about 10mph and was, in Mr Davies' words, "like a travelling circus", carrying five people underneath its canopy and side curtains. It took two days to get to Ellesmere and back and a day to Wolverhampton. No return journey the same day was ever contemplated. Sadly the advent of the motor car also saw the advent of the car crash victim.

In Shropshire, the first road accident fatality appears to have been four-year-old Alfred Ditcher, who ran out from behind a gingerbeer cart into the path of a car at Pant on May 16, 1904.

Town led the way in educational revolution

MEMORY LANE

Report by Toby Neal

FIFTY years ago Market Drayton, a town perceived by some to be lagging behind the times, was in the vanguard of an educational revolution.

On Tuesday, September 14, 1965, The Grove School opened, one of a number of pioneering comprehensive schools in Shropshire.

It is something that has intrigued Sir Peter Housden, one of the pupils at the school when it opened, and inspired him to research the background story – and write a book. "How did such a change come to such a sleepy town, and so early, well before the main thrust of comprehensive reform in the 1970s and 1980s?" he wondered.

His research sent him delving into archives, books, old newspapers, as well as drawing on his own memories of those days, and the resulting book is called The Passing of a Country Grammar School.

"There will be hard copies on sale at The Grove's anniversary events. These have been my gift to the school," said Sir Peter.

"I have a further 100 ready for the presentation evening in December which I am to attend. But the prime means of distribution is through a free download, through the link http://aps.publishingthefuture.info/publication/peter-housden-passing-of-a-country-grammar-school."

Sir Peter, who has just stepped down as Permanent Secretary to the Scottish Government after five years in the post, has produced the book specially in time for the school's 50th anniversary and, as a young pupil, was himself a small part of the story.

His family moved from Bristol, where he attended Bristol Grammar School, to Market Drayton when he was 12. He went to Market Drayton Grammar School in Longslow Road, which has now been demolished. The grammar school and the town's secondary modern school were both closed to create the new comprehensive school, putting those of all abilities together in a single school, on the secondary modern school site.

His book traces the factors which led to Market Drayton being chosen as suitable for a comprehensive school, the personalities involved, the strong opposition that the proposals caused in the town, and the national policy backdrop.

It turns out that Market Drayton could have had a comprehensive much earlier as in 1952 Shropshire's education committee had put forward a proposal to close the town's grammar and secondary modern schools and build a new comprehensive. The driving force was acute pressure on accommodation at the secondary modern, which was at that time in Alexandra Road.

The local response, writes Sir Peter, was hostile, and in the face of united opposition, the idea was dropped. The newly-built school at The Grove opened as a secondary modern in September 1957.

Meanwhile the grammar school was having its troubles.The ancient Market Drayton Grammar School had closed in 1909, but a new grammar school was to rise again the following year in a tough, competitive environment.

In May 1956 there was an inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectors. The blunt verdict was: "This is not a good school."

In the summer of 1962, from the point of view of the county's education committee, things started to fall into place.

"The grammar school was consistently under-performing. A change of headmaster had not moved the school decisively forward. If change was required, the time was now. The head of the secondary modern school, Mr Roberts, had given notice of his intention to retire after 32 years' service.

"Appointing a successor on a like-for-like basis would lock the authority into a selective pattern in Market Drayton for a further period," said Sir Peter

On October 29, the grammar school governors were called to a meeting where the county's education chief Martin Wilson outlined the plan. The grammar and secondary modern schools would close in favour of a comprehensive at The Grove. The lower forms would however continue to use the grammar school premises until new accommodation had been completed.

The chairman, Lt-Col Arthur Heywood-Lonsdale, pointed out the shortcomings of a new school initially scattered across several sites, but when decision time came Colonel T.E. Upton proposed a motion, seconded by Mrs Daphne Gask, that a comprehensive school should be established in Market Drayton without delay. It was carried by eight votes to four.

Ten public consultation meetings were held in and around Market Drayton. At a meeting at the grammar school, two-thirds of the 100 parents attending were against the plan. Opposition if anything increased.

"There were 739 signatures for a petition against the reorganisation. Ron Farrell delivered the petition to Whitehall. Hopes were high that this impressive show of opposition would be sufficient to sway the minds of Ministers."The decision lay in the hands of Sir Edward Boyle, the education minister. He was not swayed – he approved the plans on January 31, 1964. Donald Mackay was appointed the first head of The Grove comprehensive, which opened on September 14, 1965 with 1,096 pupils, including 66 in the sixth form.

Sir Peter said: "Market Drayton County Grammar School was a creature of its age, and its passing was a necessary precondition for the establishment of a common school in Market Drayton.

"Its closure was achieved with openness and dignity, and enabled the comprehensive to get off to a flying start.

"The process has enabled The Grove, which is proudly celebrating its 50th birthday, to provide not for some part of the youth of the realm, but for all."

DRAYTON STARTS NEW EDUCATION ERA

NEXT Tuesday history will be recorded in Market Drayton—a new era in education will commence.

Market Drayton Grammar School and the Grove Secondary School combine to form the Grove Comprehensive School.

At 9.0 a.m. on that day the new school registers will be called to record an attendance of approximately 950 children, the task carried out by more than 50 members of staff.

Visual and sound aids

A new era dawns . . .

Sir Peter Housden researching copies of the Newport and Market Drayton Advertiser

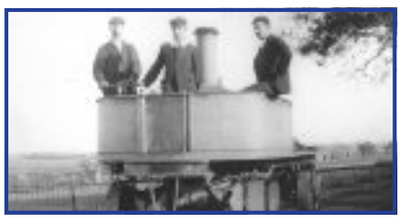
Centenary of the start of waggon production

HERE'S something to get steamed up about – this month is the centenary of the start of production at the Sentinel Waggon Works in Shrewsbury.

Over the years the works was to turn out steam waggons, and later diesel waggons, which were to see service around the world and carry the name of the company far and wide.

But while the Sentinel Waggon Works – the firm used the "waggon" spelling, not "wagon" – in Shrewsbury goes back to 1915, the story can be traced back to years earlier when, in Horsehay, the firm Simpson and Bibby had been working on the production of steam road vehicles.

"It seems that George Woodvine was the genius apprentice at Simpsons as he was the chief waggon designer," said Mike Llewellyn, archivist with the County of Salop Steam Engine Society.


A prototype steam-driven waggon

"Various designs were tried and a small fortune must have been spent. About eight waggons were built at Horsehay and about five were sold to customers.

"It is believed that George Woodvine had published articles about their waggons in the technical press of the day and this is how Alley and MacLellan first became interested in the firm from Shropshire.

"In 1903 Alley and MacLellan took over all rights to the business and moved all work to their factory at Glasgow. Probably the best asset was that of the services of George Woodvine and Daniel Simpson, who were both brilliant engineers. At Glasgow they got to work on further development work. The waggon was so changed by the time the first 'Sentinel' was produced in late 1905 that it had not a single part of a Simpson-Bibby waggon.

"The waggon was named a 'Sentinel' after the name of the works in Glasgow."

"By 1915 Mr Woodvine had become works manager and was asked to find a new site for a more central factory in England. Not surprisingly, Shropshire was his first choice and so a site was found in Shrewsbury. Work started on construction in March of the same year."

Do you have any old pictures or tales from the past to share with our readers? Email toby.neal@shropshirestar.co.uk

It's tough on the eyes to catch a glimpse of a snipe

ON THE WILDSIDE

with Ben Waddams

PERHAPS with the exception of last week's tarantula, I do try and keep most of the species in these columns reasonably accessible.

This week's star however is a bit different. It is a fairly common bird and not a particularly small one at that.

Its habits and habitats are well known and with the wealth of Shropshire's wetlands, it is frequently spotted. And yet…

The snipe is a peculiar bird. It is a medium-sized wader and its proportions are a little higgledy-piggledy. It has short legs yet long wings and a short tail but the most exaggerated bill you could imagine; a great, elongated implement used to probe for invertebrate prey in soft ground.

If you've never seen one in the wild before, July may be your best bet but even considering that, I'm afraid you may be in for a tough time. The problem with the snipe is that it is the most fantastically camouflaged bird in the British Isles (in my mind anyway). Happily we attract a number of them from the continent each year once winter is under way and so you may have a decent chance in that season too, but summer is when snipe throw aside their secretive and skulking inhibitions and really begin flaunting it. The male performs "winnowing" displays during courtship, flying high in circles and then taking shallow dives to produce a "drumming" sound by vibrating its tail feathers. This sound has been compared by others to the bleating of a sheep or goat; hence in many languages the snipe is known by names signifying "flying goat", "heaven's ram," and in Scotland as "heather-bleater" and in Finnish the name taivaanvuohi, "sky goat". You may not have seen a pig fly, but in July a goat flying is apparently a little easier to see, or hear.

The female will pick a winner from the displays of the males and once done, a bond is cemented between them to an extraordinary degree. The female bird lays two to five eggs and these are incubated by her for some 17 to 20 days.

The chicks soon leave the nest after hatching but here's where things get interesting. The male and female get together and begin to split the brood.

The male then takes half the chicks, and the female takes the other half. A little sadly perhaps, there is no further contact between the breeding birds, but they both carefully tend the accompanying chicks until fully self-sufficient after about 20 days. Across much of its range in Europe and America, snipe are not threatened. Yet predictably here in the UK, the population is declining with local extinction in some areas. Unfortunately it is the same old story of field drainage and agricultural intensification. It's not a particularly difficult situation to master and from my own experience in the fields around me, where my local farmer tends to his flock of sheep and herd of Herefords, a few areas of boggy ground left undisturbed here and there may go a long way to helping the snipe. Which brings me back to the start. How do you actually see a snipe? Unless you know for sure there's one around, even a lengthy examination of a patch of waterlogged ground or shoreline, may well turn out fruitless, only for you to wander despondently forward and flush three or four out instantly. It's tough on the eyes and nerves snipe-watching, but perhaps you'll get really lucky and find a displaying male? Who knows, goats might fly.

See a snipe or two on Ben's film on winter birds at benwaddams.com

The Display Post (oil on board) by Ben Waddams

Hundreds were rescued by fire crews in county

CHILDREN locked in cars and drivers trapped after crashes were among more than 400 people rescued by the fire service in Shropshire over the past year.

The rescues were from fires, car crashes and other call-outs including people getting trapped in lifts and locked inside cars.

A Freedom of Information request revealed that between April 1 last year and March 31 this year there were 401 rescues made in total, with the majority being from calls not related to fires.

Fire crews rescued 331 people from non-fire incidents, all of whom had sustained some sort of injury.

They also rescued 70 people from fires, with only one escaping any harm.

Kevin Faulkner, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service's group manager, said: "Our response starts from the moment we receive a call. Our call centre staff are highly trained in helping people to stay safe through giving early advice, helping the caller to keep calm and help themselves.

"Our firefighters not only rescue people from fires but are also highly skilled to rescue people from all sorts of situations, including flooding, car crashes, water rescues and rescues from height.

"All of this contributes to making Shropshire a safer place to live and work."

Crews rescued more than a dozen people from various situations in June alone. In Telford a child was rescued after getting trapped inside a bathroom, while another child had to be released after being locked inside a car in Newport. It isn't only children that get themselves stuck – a man had to be helped down from the roof of a building in Much Wenlock, and someone had to be rescued after getting themselves trapped in a gate in Donnington.

The service's water rescue team based at Shrewsbury has been busy as well, getting called out to a woman who had gone into the River Severn after her dog, and helping the police to pull her safely to shore.

But the majority of rescues attended were to help the victims of car crashes across the county.

In many of these cases the fire services works alongside ambulance personnel to give access to the casualties so that they can be treated for their injuries, and then to free them from their vehicles. Crews will use cutting equipment and metal spreaders to gain access to the vehicles, often by taking the whole roof off.

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The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins
8.05pm
Game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. Gaby Roslin introduces the Lotto and Thunderball draws, and there is a performance by Aston Merrygold.

Wimbledon 2Day
8pm
Clare Balding is joined by former players and celebrity fans to look back at today's ladies' singles final at the All England Club. Plus, highlights of the men's and ladies' doubles finals and a preview of tomorrow's showpiece match in the men's singles.

You've Been Framed!
6.30pm
Harry Hill narrates another fun-filled and comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from giddy grandmas, cute kids and crazy animals to below-the-belt mishaps, practical jokers and rather painful-looking accidents.

Ted
9pm
A lonely boy makes a wish at Christmas that his teddy bear will come to life, which is magically granted. The boy grows up to become a directionless slacker, with the foul-mouthed living toy still his inseparable friend – but his girlfriend thinks it is time for him to grow up. Comedy, starring Mark Wahlberg.

Transporter: The Series
8pm
Action drama focusing on the exploits of Frank Martin, a professional 'transporter' paid to pick up and deliver people or cargo from anywhere in the world. In Nice, Frank is hired to deliver an engine prototype to the Paris Motor Show, and soon finds himself pursued by an assassin nicknamed The Wolf.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** TV presenter Mary Portas faces her food heaven or hell as she joins James Martin and chefs Lee Westcott and Paul Ainsworth in the kitchen studio, while Olly Smith chooses the wine.
11.30 **The Box.** The contestants create a dish from produce chosen by broadcaster John Craven, then select one of three boxes containing game, leftovers and kitchen "basics". (R)
12.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
12.15 **Bargain Hunt.** Two teams are challenged to pick up bargains at an antiques fair in Stafford, West Midlands, with assistance from experts Paul Laidlaw and Mark Stacey. Presented by Tim Wonnacott. (R)
1.00 **Wimbledon 2015.** Sue Barker introduces live coverage of the ladies' singles final from the Centre Court at the All England Club, where the Venus Rosewater Dish will be awarded to the winner. Coverage continues on BBC2.
5.55 **Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong quizzes eight writers – Charlie Higson, Rachel Johnson, Robert Harris, Gill Hornby, Jenny Colgan, Benjamin Zephaniah, Danny Wallace and Stuart Maconie. (R)
6.45 **BBC News.**
6.55 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
7.00 **Prized Apart.** The six remaining adventurers in Morocco must build a boat from scratch and race across a huge reservoir in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains. Postponed from July 4.
8.05 **The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.** Nick Knowles presents the show in which two pairs of strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. Last in the series.
8.55 **Casualty.** Ethan falls for an enchanting woman during a complex murder case, but becomes suspicious when she is found in a tattoo parlour with her boyfriend Clyde bleeding on the floor.
9.45 **The John Bishop Show.** The comedian introduces routines by comics Seann Walsh, Doc Brown and Jamali Maddix, plus music by Jack Savoretti and Texas, and international cabaret star Meow Meow.
10.30 **BBC News; National Lottery Update.**
10.50 **Not Going Out.** Lee's dad Frank moves in after an argument with his latest fancy woman, but it becomes clear he is drinking too much, so the flatmates try to persuade him to seek professional help. (R)
11.20 **Would I Lie to You?** Rob Brydon hosts the panel show, in which captains David Mitchell and Lee Mack are joined by Dara O Briain, Denise Van Outen, Rhod Gilbert and Vernon Kay. (R)
11.50 FILM: **The 13th Warrior (1999).** An Arabic nobleman joins forces with Norse warriors to fight shadowy fiends at the end of the first millennium. Action adventure, starring Antonio Banderas.
1.25 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.30 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.55 FILM: **Private's Progress (1956).** An inept student is recruited to serve in the army, where he falls in with a crooked private's schemes. Comedy, starring Ian Carmichael, Richard Attenborough and Terry-Thomas.
8.30 **Wimbledon Classics.** A look back at the ladies' singles finals from 1977 and 2002, the first of which saw Great Britain's Virginia Wade triumph, while the latter featured the Williams sisters.
10.30 **European Games Highlights.** Highlights from the inaugural staging of the Games.
11.00 **Athletics.** Athletissima 2015.
12.00 **The Box.** With guest Tony Singh. (R)
12.30 **Alex Polizzi: Chefs on Trial.** The finalists face the last challenge, before one is given the job. (R)
1.30 **Christopher Lee: Talking Pictures.** The actor discusses some of the performances that have defined his career.
2.05 FILM: **The Mummy (1959).** Hammer horror, starring Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee.
3.30 **Flog It!** Valuing heirlooms in Skegness. (R)
4.25 **Edwardian Farm.** Recreating 24 hours in an Edwardian farmer's household. (R)
5.25 **Gardeners' World.** Drought-tolerant plants. (R)
5.55 **Wimbledon 2015.** Sue Barker presents further live coverage of the penultimate day at the All England Club, featuring the men's and ladies' doubles finals. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
8.00 **Wimbledon 2Day.** Clare Balding is joined by former players and celebrity fans to look back at today's ladies' singles final at the All England Club.
9.00 **Mock the Week.** Ed Byrne, Josh Widdicombe, Milton Jones, Zoe Lyons and Matt Forde join Dara O Briain and Hugh Dennis for the topical comedy quiz show. (R)
9.30 **The Battle of Britain.** Actor Ewan McGregor and his brother Colin, an RAF pilot, retell the story of the 1940 air battle that proved to be a turning point in the Second World War. (R)
11.00 **QI XL.** Stephen Fry hosts an extended edition of the comedy quiz, with Sue Perkins, Ross Noble, David Mitchell and Alan Davies answering questions on the topic of knits and knots. (R)
11.45 **Golf: Scottish Open.** Hazel Irvine introduces highlights of day three from Gullane Golf Club. Eventual winner Justin Rose and home favourite Marc Warren were the star performers on this day in 2014.
12.45 FILM: **Dracula (1958).** A vampire count preys on the family of his last victim, but a fearless doctor is determined to stop his reign of terror. Hammer horror, starring Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing.
2.05 FILM: **The Curse of Frankenstein (1957).** Hammer horror, with Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee.
3.25 **This Is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge **6.25** Pat & Stan **6.35** Dino Dan **6.45** Dino Dan **7.00** Canimals **7.15** Sooty **7.30** Super 4 **7.45** Fish Hooks **8.00** Young Justice: Invasion
8.25 **ITV News.**
8.30 **Weekend.** Including a live performance by Lucy Rose.
9.25 **Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica investigates a hunting accident. (R)
10.20 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues. (R)
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12.25 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.30 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)
1.35 **Surprise Surprise.** Featuring a performance by Little Mix. (R)
2.30 **1000 Heartbeats.** Quiz show, hosted by Vernon Kay, in which contestants' pulses are monitored and they must complete seven rounds before their hearts beat 1,000 times to win the jackpot. (R)
3.30 **All Star Family Fortunes.** With Birds of a Feather star Lesley Joseph and comedian Stephen K Amos. (R)
4.15 **Tipping Point.** Quiz show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
5.15 **Catchphrase.** Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (R)
6.00 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.15 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.30 **You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from cute kids and crazy animals to pranks and painful-looking accidents. (R)
7.00 FILM: **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (2010).** The teenage wizard and his friends search for the magical artefacts that will allow them to destroy the evil Voldemort. Fantasy adventure, with Daniel Radcliffe and Ralph Fiennes.
9.45 **Black Work.** Jo decides to abandon her investigation for the sake of her children – but when another body is discovered, she realises that the killer is still at large. Last in the series. (R)
10.45 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
11.00 FILM: **State of Play (2009).** A journalist investigates a connection between two seemingly unrelated deaths and uncovers a political conspiracy. Thriller, starring Russell Crowe.
1.15 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **Ejector Seat.** Quiz show, hosted by Andi Peters. Contestants try to prevent their seats edging backwards toward ejection point, with the last person left untoppled competing for a £10,000 jackpot. (R)
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.**

Channel 4

6.20 **How I Met Your Mother.** Barney creates a new holiday. (R)
6.45 **How I Met Your Mother.** Robin spends time with some excitable women. (R)
7.10 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R)
7.35 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R)
8.00 **The Morning Line.** Nick Luck presents a look ahead to this afternoon's racing.
9.00 **Frasier.** The brothers suspect Martin may have had an affair. (R)
9.30 **Frasier.** Daphne helps Frasier decide whether to advertise a restaurant. (R)
10.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** (R)
10.25 **The Big Bang Theory.** Leonard and Penny endure an awkward night at the cinema. (R)
10.55 **The Big Bang Theory.** Stuart asks Amy out on a date. (R)
11.25 **The Simpsons.** Lisa uncovers an unusual fossil. (R)
11.55 **The Simpsons.** Marge is employed as an estate agent. (R)
12.25 **The Simpsons.** Mr Burns campaigns to become state governor. (R)
12.55 **Rude(ish) Tube.** A dog that wears shoes.
1.25 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Newmarket, York and Ascot.
4.10 **Come Dine with Me.** Zumba teacher Amanda hosts the first dinner party in Weston-super-Mare. (R)
4.45 **Come Dine with Me.** Sports centre manager Harry hosts the second night in Weston-super-Mare. (R)
5.15 **Come Dine with Me.** An Austrian-themed party in Weston-super-Mare. (R)
5.45 **Come Dine with Me.** The fourth evening in Weston-super-Mare, Somerset. (R)
6.15 **Come Dine with Me.** Businesswoman Tracy hosts the final dinner party in Weston-super-Mare. Her evening includes dance lessons, a black-tie dress code, and steak cooked to order. (R)
6.40 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Walking Through History.** Tony Robinson traces the childhoods of the Bronte siblings on a four-day trek through West Yorkshire, exploring the harsh reality of life in the 1820s for the literary family. (R)
8.00 **The Secret World of Lego.** Documentary going behind the scenes at the toy company, following a design student as he seeks a coveted position with the company and two fans hatching money-making schemes. (R)
9.00 FILM: **Ted (2012).** A boy's magical living teddy remains his friend into adulthood, creating tension with his girlfriend. Comedy, starring Mark Wahlberg, with the voice of Seth MacFarlane.
11.05 FILM: **Hot Tub Time Machine (2010).** Three unhappy friends travel back in time to their youth in 1986 and are tempted to give themselves the lives they always wanted. Sci-fi comedy, starring John Cusack and Clark Duke.
1.00 **The Last Leg.** (R)
1.55 **Hollyoaks.** (R)
4.05 **The Renovation Game.** (R)
5.00 **Secret Eaters.** (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Peppa Pig **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas **6.15** Milkshake! Bop Box **6.20** Angelina Ballerina **6.35** Pip Ahoy! **6.45** The Mr Men Show **6.55** Milkshake! Monkey **7.00** Chloe's Closet **7.15** Roobarb and Custard Too **7.20** Make Way for Noddy **7.30** Paw Patrol **7.45** Little Princess **8.05** Wanda and the Alien **8.15** Zack and Quack **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.45** Jelly Jamm **9.05** LazyTown **9.30** Dora and Friends
10.00 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** A fantasy role-playing game becomes real. (R)
10.35 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.
10.40 **Cowboy Builders.** A dilapidated flat in Twickenham, west London. (R)
11.40 **Cowboy Builders.** A family of five from Leicester receives help. (R)
12.40 FILM: **Away All Boats (1956).** Second World War drama, starring Jeff Chandler.
2.55 FILM: **To Hell and Back (1955).** Second World War biopic, starring Audie Murphy as himself.
5.00 **5 News Weekend.**
5.10 **Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords.** Stavros and Emily try to get their house back from squatters. (R)
6.05 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Sheriff Paul Bohill tackles the case of a small debt owed by ex-footballer Neil Ruddock to a kennel owner, before being forced to evict a school dinner lady in south London. (R)
7.00 **Cricket on 5.** England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the fourth day's play in the First Ashes Test at Sophia Gardens in Cardiff.
8.00 **Transporter: The Series.** New series. Action drama focusing on the exploits of Frank Martin, a "transporter" paid to pick up and deliver people or cargo from anywhere in the world. Chris Vance stars.
8.55 **Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole.** People living on state welfare in seaside towns in the south of England, including an English Defence League supporter in Margate and a single mum in Hastings. (R)
9.50 **Big Brother.** Another chance to see last night's eviction, revealing how the departure of the unlucky housemate has affected the others.
10.50 **My Daughter Stole My Husband.** More stories of infidelity and betrayal, including a woman who was left in shock when her second husband set up home with her son's wife. (R)
11.50 **Criminals: Caught on Camera.** Nick Wallis discovers how CCTV and technological advances are helping to tackle criminals exhibiting a complete disregard for the safety of others while at the wheel of a vehicle. (R)
12.15 **SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming.
3.10 **Big Brother.** (R)
4.00 **Police Interceptors.** (R)
4.50 **Make It Big.** (R)
5.15 **Make It Big.** (R)
5.45 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
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Fake or Fortune?
8pm
Nicky Philipps, an artist who has previously painted portraits of the royal family, seeks help in determining whether a mysterious painting housed at Picton Castle in Pembrokeshire is a genuine work by celebrated French Impressionist Pierre Auguste Renoir. Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould present.

Dragons' Den
8.15pm
New series. The entrepreneurial contest returns, with three new Dragons. This year, fashion tycoon Touker Suleyman, restaurateur Sarah Willingham and online greetings-card pioneer Nick Jenkins join Deborah Meaden and Peter Jones to appraise pitches made by members of the public.

Overboard
2.35pm
A wealthy heiress suffers amnesia after falling overboard from her yacht. A rough-hewn carpenter and father of four steps in and claims to be her husband - but only to avenge himself for her previous ill-treatment of him, which she has no recollection of. Comedy, starring Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell.

Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year 2015
8pm
This year's contest draws to a close as George Clarke and the team visit contenders from the Cabin and Summerhouse and Workshop and Studio categories. Among the spaces highlighted are a converted burger van and a tiny pixie-themed cabin.

Police Interceptors Unleashed with Vinnie Jones
8pm
New series. The actor introduces highlights from the true crime series, revisiting exciting police chases, as elite pursuit units work to crack down on law-breakers using the highways and byways of Britain. Previously broadcast on Spike.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. News, sport and entertainment reports.
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 Sunday Morning Live. Humanist blogger Rafida Bonya Ahmed speaks about her husband's murder in Bangladesh earlier this year, and Sian Williams investigates Britain's apparent reliance on social welfare.
11.00 Sunday Politics. The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
12.15 BBC News; Weather.
12.30 Bargain Hunt. Charles Hanson, Jonathan Pratt and their teams search for valuable antiques in Norfolk. Presented by Tim Wonnacott.
1.00 Wimbledon 2015. Sue Barker and guests look ahead to this afternoon's men's singles final at the All England Club, where the concluding day of the championships is set to take place.
1.50 Wimbledon 2015. Sue Barker introduces live coverage of the men's singles final at the All England Club, where the successor to Novak Djokovic is set to be decided.
6.00 David Attenborough Meets President Obama. The renowned documentarian is interviewed by the US President about the future of the planet, their shared passion for nature, and potential ways to protect the environment. (R)
6.35 BBC News.
6.50 Midlands Today; Weather.
7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker follows a pilgrimage trail set up in Derbyshire to mark the 350th anniversary of the Great Plague, and Anita Rani investigates the Bakewell tradition of well-dressing. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 Fake or Fortune? Nicky Philipps asks Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould to help resolve prolonged debate over whether a painting housed at Picton Castle, her family's ancestral home, is a genuine Renoir.
9.00 The Outcast. Sadie Jones' two-part adaptation of her own best-selling novel of the same name. In the years following the end of the Second World War, 10-year-old Lewis's idyllic childhood is shattered after he witnesses a tragic accident, and the incident sets his life on a drastic new course. Coming of age drama, set in the 1950s, starring George MacKay, Greg Wise, Hattie Morahan and Jessica Brown Findlay.
10.30 BBC News.
10.50 Midlands Today; Weather.
11.00 Live at the Apollo. Sarah Millican hosts the stand-up show recorded at London's Hammersmith Apollo, introducing routines by Australian funnyman Steve Hughes and award-winning comic Russell Kane, who both give their own take on modern life. (R)
11.45 Don't Tell the Bride. Children's entertainer Mark wants to stage a theatrical wedding on a cruise ship for his bride-to-be Kelly, but she is hoping for a traditional event for her big day. (R)
12.45 Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.50 BBC News.

BBC2

6.30 Homes Under the Hammer. Properties in Devon, Wiltshire and London. (R)
7.30 Countryfile. Matt Baker looks for sharks off the Cornish coast. (R)
8.30 Gardeners' World. Drought-tolerant plants. (R)
9.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. Highlights of the series.
10.30 The Box. EastEnders star Jessie Wallace sets a challenge. (R)
11.00 Wimbledon Classics. A look back at the 2012 men's singles final.
1.00 Escape to the Country. A retired couple search for a rural Staffordshire home. (R)
1.45 Holiday of My Lifetime with Len Goodman. Arlene Phillips heads to Southport to relive memories from a favourite holiday. (R)
2.30 Prized Apart. The six remaining adventurers must build a boat from scratch. (R)
3.30 Flog It! From Derby. (R)
4.20 Songs of Praise. Hymns and songs from the Royal Albert Hall. (R)
5.00 Mountain Lions – Big Cats in High Places: Natural World. Documentary following two mountain lion families in Wyoming. (R)
6.00 Wimbledon 2015. Sue Barker introduces live coverage of the mixed doubles final, the last action of this year's event at the All England Club.
8.15 Dragons' Den. New series. The business contest returns, with new Dragons Touker Suleyman, Sarah Willingham and Nick Jenkins joining Den veterans Deborah Meaden and Peter Jones on the panel.
9.15 Odyssey. Odelle is confronted by Frank Majors after she flees from Omar's guards, while Bob reveals he has new information about the murder-suicide.
10.00 Family Guy. Peter helps Joe to publish a book, but things get out of hand when he starts to take on the writing as well. Elsewhere, Brian begins an extreme exercise regime after experiencing a runner's high for the first time. Previously seen on BBC3.
10.20 Family Guy. Meg accidentally spills her lunch on an unstable new pupil nicknamed "Mental Mike", and must escape his plans to fight her. Meanwhile, Peter harasses Brian. Previously seen on BBC3.
10.40 Wimbledon 2Day. Clare Balding is joined by celebrity guests and former players to assess the concluding day's play at the All England Club, focusing their attentions on the men's singles final.
11.40 Golf: Scottish Open. Hazel Irvine introduces highlights of the fourth and final day from Gullane Golf Club. Justin Rose clinched the title last year following an impressive final round of 65.
12.40 Sign Zone: Countryfile. Matt Baker looks for sharks off the Cornish coast. (R)
1.40 Sign Zone: Holby City. Fletch and his kids are thrown into crisis when they are evicted. (R)
2.40 This Is BBC2.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge **6.25** Pat & Stan **6.35** Dino Dan **6.45** Dino Dan **7.00** Canimals **7.15** Sooty **7.30** Super 4 **7.45** Fish Hooks **8.00** Young Justice: Invasion
8.25 ITV News.
8.30 Weekend. With guests Kelly Hoppen and Kodaline.
9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. Guests air their differences. (R)
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11.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. Guests air their differences. (R)
12.30 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
12.35 Love Your Garden. The team creates a contemporary garden for a war hero and his family. (R)
1.35 Long Lost Family. The story of a woman who was found on a doorstep when she was a baby. Last in the series. (R)
2.35 FILM: Overboard (1987). Comedy, starring Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell.
4.45 Midsomer Murders. A nun is found strangled. (R)
6.40 ITV News Central; Weather.
6.55 ITV News and Weather.
7.15 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000.
8.00 Surprise Surprise. Holly Willoughby rewards more unsung public heroes, this time providing a girl with a surprise fit for a princess, and reuniting two friends on the set of ITV comedy Benidorm.
9.00 Joanna Lumley's Trans-Siberian Adventure. New series. The actress travels the length of the Trans-Siberian Railway, taking in Hong Kong, Beijing, the Great Wall and the Gobi desert in the first leg of her trek.
10.00 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
10.20 Bear Grylls: Mission Survive. Arriving at a cave system, the contestants use their rope skills to navigate the tight spaces and waterfall descents in search of their dinner, a pig carcass that Bear has hidden. (R)
11.15 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Karren Brady. The businesswoman and star of The Apprentice talks about battling sexism as MD of Birmingham City FC and how a brain aneurysm made her take stock of her life. (R)
12.10 Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 Motorsport UK. Highlights of the latest races from Oulton Park. Commentary by Richard John Neil.
3.50 British Superbike Championship Highlights. The fifth round of the season at Knockhill.
4.40 ITV Nightscreen.
5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

Channel 4

6.20 How I Met Your Mother. (R)
6.45 How I Met Your Mother. (R)
7.10 How I Met Your Mother. (R)
7.35 Ginetta GT5 Challenge.
8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R)
8.30 Frasier. (R)
9.00 Frasier. (R)
9.30 Sunday Brunch.
12.30 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R)
1.35 The Big Bang Theory. Sheldon upsets Stephen Hawking when they play an online game. (R)
2.00 The Big Bang Theory. Amy and Wil Wheaton get into a fight while filming Fun with Flags. (R)
2.30 The Big Bang Theory. The friends try to solve the mystery of Sheldon's post-lunch activities. (R)
3.00 The Simpsons. (R)
3.30 The Simpsons. An overdose of spicy food causes Homer to experience hallucinations. (R)
4.00 The Simpsons. X-Files agents Mulder and Scully investigate aliens in Springfield. (R)
4.35 Location, Location, Location. The property experts visit south London. (R)
5.35 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. Improving the saleability of a Scillian-style home in Bath.
6.30 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud presents four specials, beginning with the challenges of building in the city, where architects have to show their ingenuity as space is at a premium. (R)
8.00 Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year 2015. George Clarke and the team visit entries from the Cabin and Summerhouse and Workshop and Studio categories, before announcing the winner of this year's contest. Last in the series.
9.00 Humans. Karen's hunt for the "Killer Synth" seems to take a personal turn, and Mattie's decision to trust Leo threatens to bring the Hawkins' debates about Anita to an end.
10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts the words-and-numbers panel game, which sees Sean Lock and Seann Walsh taking on guest captain Joe Wilkinson and Danny Dyer, with Bill Bailey in dictionary corner. (R)
11.00 Rude Tube. Alex Zane presents a countdown of the 50 greatest sporting clips on the internet, featuring videos involving flying press-ups and a bikini wax race. (R)
12.10 FILM: Red State (2011). Premiere. A murderous preacher kidnaps three teenagers he judges to be sinners, leading to his church being surrounded by federal agents. Thriller, starring Michael Parks.
1.40 The Dambusters' Great Escape: Secret History. (R)
2.35 Come Dine with Me. (R)
3.00 Come Dine with Me. (R)
3.30 Come Dine with Me. (R)
3.55 Come Dine with Me. (R)
4.25 Come Dine with Me. (R)
4.50 River Cottage Bites. (R)
5.05 Secret Eaters. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas **6.15** Milkshake! Bop Box **6.20** Angelina Ballerina **6.35** Pip Ahoy! **6.45** The Mr Men Show **7.00** Chloe's Closet **7.10** Roobarb and Custard Too **7.20** Make Way for Noddy **7.30** Paw Patrol **7.45** Little Princess **7.55** Wanda and the Alien **8.05** Toby's Travelling Circus **8.15** Zack and Quack **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.40** Jelly Jamm **8.50** Olly the Little White Van **9.00** LazyTown **9.25** Dora and Friends
9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. A mutated Baxter Stockman kidnaps April. (R)
10.30 Access. Showbiz news and gossip.
10.35 Police Interceptors. PC Barry Peach hunts for a man suspected of assault. (R)
11.35 Police Interceptors. A foul-mouthed pensioner pushes Barry's patience to the limit. (R)
12.30 Police Interceptors. Sarah deals with the aftermath of a drunken brawl between two brothers. (R)
1.35 FILM: Every Which Way But Loose (1978). Action comedy, starring Clint Eastwood.
3.45 FILM: Dracula: Dead and Loving It (1995). Horror spoof, starring Leslie Nielsen.
5.35 FILM: Oliver & Company (1988). Animated adventure, with the voice of Joey Lawrence.
6.55 5 News Weekend.
7.00 Cricket on 5. England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the fifth and final day's play in the First Ashes Test at Sophia Gardens in Cardiff.
8.00 Police Interceptors Unleashed with Vinnie Jones. New series. The actor introduces clips of exciting police chases, as elite pursuit units crack down on law-breakers on the highways and byways of Britain. Previously broadcast on Spike.
9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights as the remaining housemates start their final week under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother.
10.00 FILM: Harry Brown (2009). An elderly retired marine takes the law into his own hands when his friend is murdered by hoodlums on a London estate. Crime thriller, starring Michael Caine and Emily Mortimer. Edited for length.
11.50 Burglars & Break-Ins: Caught on Camera. Journalist Nick Wallis joins police forces to reveal how CCTV is being used to fight crime, taking a look at how some residents are taking neighbourhood watch to the next level. (R)
12.45 Criminals: Caught on Camera. The use of CCTV to tackle shoplifters. (R)
1.15 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming.
3.10 Big Brother. The remaining housemates start their final week. (R)
4.00 House Doctor. Selling a two-bedroom flat in Hammersmith. (R)
4.25 Make It Big. (R)
4.50 Make It Big. (R)
5.15 Make It Big. (R)
5.45 Angels of Jarm. (R)
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Cinema listings

MR HOLMES (PG)

Sherlock's final case – 7/10

Mr Holmes imagines the twilight years of one of literature's icons, who is facing the grim reality of dementia. The year is 1947 and Holmes, now 93, is inspired by his house-keeper's son to delve into the fog of the past to recall his only unsolved case – a missing person enquiry in 1919. Mr Holmes is distinguished by Sir Ian McKellen's measured central performance.

ENTOURAGE (15)

One to avoid – 4/10

This is the big-screen spin-off from the American TV comedy of the same name which follows the fortunes of Hollywood star Vince Chase (Adrian Grenier).

Gags repeatedly fall flat, a subplot involving a big gay wedding verges on the offensive, and the cast struggle to find attractive traits in their self-obsessed protagonists.

THE LONGEST RIDE (12A)

Romance – 5/10

Scott Eastwood plays Luke Collins, who is badly injured during the Professional Bull Riders tour. One year later, he makes his comeback and catches the eye of university senior Sophia Danko (Britt Robertson). On a magical first date they rescue 91-year-old Ira Levinson from a burning car. A friendship is born which sees his past and the couple's future become entwined.

LONDON ROAD (15)

Real words – 6/10

Rufus Norris embraces the cinematic medium with this daring screen version of the critically adored verbatim stage drama London Road, which documents the real-life discovery of the bodies of five women in Suffolk in 2006 in the words of residents of the titular Ipswich street. Locals are gripped by fear after the murders of five women as the press pack descends on the area.

Authors present talk

Report by Harry Leather

THREE published authors gave talks to budding writers at an event in Oswestry.

The talks were part of a programme of events organised by Booka Bookshop and Cafe in Oswestry to mark Independent Bookshop Week.

One of the events was a Writers in Conversation session held at the Willow Gallery in Oswestry.

The event featured Alison Layland, Martine Bailey and Elaine Walker, three experienced authors who told the audience about drawing on their individual interests and expertise. The trio are published novelists who told about the very different interests they have and the working relationship they have developed between them over the past six years.

Elaine is a specialist on horses in cultural history and singer-songwriter Martine has a particular interest in historical recipes and cookery and Alison is a professional translator with a passion for travel, languages and oral storytelling. They used the session to discuss the benefits of their informal group in developing their novels, short stories, non-fiction, poetry and songs, and also read from their own books.

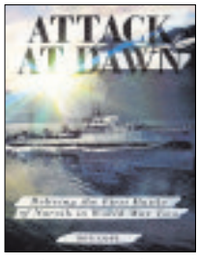
Carrie Morris, who owns the bookshop, said staff were thrilled to be able to give people the chance to listen first hand to authors, while celebrating the importance of independent book shops.

She said: "It was a fantastic event and it was really well received by the people who were there."

Book reviews

ATTACK AT DAWN

By Ron Cope
Published by Clink Street



The most powerful books about war give a voice to the ordinary men and women who were at the sharp end. Cope is from Horsehay in Telford and his father Cyril fought on HMS Hardy. Cope has compiled a whole host of accounts from those involved, including the taped memories of his father, which makes for a book full of human interest and all the drama and horror of conflict thrown in, along with elements of comedy, as when HMS Hardy was beached the survivors made their way to shore in freezing temperatures and donned any clothing they could get their hands on, which resulted in these sailors dressing up in women's clothing. The battles were the Royal Navy at its finest.

By Toby Neal

JACK O'NAVES

By Robert Aston
Published by Pen Press

This is the second book of Jack's adventures in and around Dudley Castle. Thirteen years have elapsed since Jack was set to work in the bakehouse and he's become fed-up with the repetitive work so he enrols as a trainee soldier, thinking his life might become a little more exciting. England is left in turmoil following the death of Edward I with the Scots still refusing to submit to English rule, and his son, Edward II, has just suffered a humiliating defeat at Bannockburn. Edward, by showering gifts on his favourites, has angered his most powerful baron, the Earl of Lancaster. Jack finds himself serving a master whose loyalty to both men is put to the test.

By Sally Bunn

HAUGHTON PARK

By D. W. Massey

This is the saga of bare-knuckle fighter Jacob Ross and his descendants, who are working class people struggling to make a living and hopelessly oppressed by the wealthy landowners and businessmen who employ them. The story begins in 19th century Wolverhampton where Jacob's prize-winning talent is attracting a number of admirers. Following the biggest fight of his life tragedy strikes and Jacob descends into near madness. As the saga progresses we meet Jacob's son, Ben, also working hard to provide for his family, and fighting, just as his father did, the huge differences between rich and poor, and the inevitable pull and push between industrial and agricultural development.

By Sally Bunn

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Oswestry, SY10 7AG

will be held at 3pm on

Thursday 30th July 2015

in the hospital's conference facilities.
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Louisiana Cajun stars Randy Vidrine and Jimmy Breaux will perform at Welshampton

The Allegri String Quartet will perform at Llanfyllin Music Festival

Music enthusiasts in for a variety of treats

MUSIC to suit all tastes will be available over the coming weeks in the Oswestry and Welshpool area.

Llanfyllin is preparing for a week of music with visiting musicians the Allegri String Quartet.

The quartet will perform a series of concerts at St Myllin's Church, Llanfyllin, for the Llanfyllin Music Festival.

Starting on July 17 the festival will feature works by Haydn, Brahms, Schubert and other classical composers.

The programme will see performances of Haydn, Mendelssohn and Schubert on July 17; Mozart, Schubert and Brahms on July 19; and Haydn, Roth and Schubert on July 24.

Wrapping up the festival on July 26 will be a concert with guest clarinettist Daniel Broncano joining the Allegri Quartet to play Mozart's Clarinet Quintet.

The Spanish clarinettist has won numerous awards and prizes, including Making Music Award for Young Concert Artists (2011) and Royal College of Music Clarinet Prize 2012.

He currently teaches in London at the Royal College of Music Junior Department and also runs Musica en Segura, an international music festival in Segura de la Sierra in Spain.

Tickets for all the concerts are priced £19 adults, and £17 for concessions, including students and unwaged.

They are available from the Corner Shop in Llanfyllin and Rowanthorn in Old Chapel Court, Oswestry.

They will also be available on the door, subject to availability. Phone 07783 548520 to check.

Meanwhile the sounds of Cajun music can be enjoyed at a concert in North Shropshire.

The fourth North Shropshire Cajun and Zydeco Big Weekend is being staged at Welshampton near Ellesmere from August 14 to August 16.

The festival is based at Welshampton Parish Hall and The Sun Inn.

This year's festival will feature some of the big names in Cajun music from the USA and Europe.

SPECIAL REPORT

Report by Harry Leather

The 2015 international line-up includes Cajun accordion master, Jimmy Breaux and the singer/guitarist, Randy Vidrine, both from the home of Cajun music – Louisiana, in the deep south of the USA.

Organiser, Gavin Lewery, who travels the country with his own Cajun and Zydeco bands, said it would be a huge honour to welcome Jimmy and Randy to Shropshire.

He said: "It always surprises people that a small village like Welshampton is hosting an international music festival.

"But it's been such a success over the last three years. It keeps on growing,and attracting some of the top names in the Cajun and Zydeco music business."

Other bands in the Big Weekend line-up include Rough Chowder, The Hotfoot Specials, Dwayne Ego and the Electricians from the UK and Germany.

Weekend and camping tickets plus individual event tickets for the afternoon and evening performances and workshops are available via the website at www.northshropshirecajun.co.uk or by emailing northshropshirecajun@hotmail.co.uk.

Meanwhile house music is set to become a regular feature of Oswestry's nightlife after the successful launch of a new electronic night. Fed up with what they call the area's "dire" music scene, four Oswestrians have teamed up to bring "sizzling" dance tunes to the town.

With the tagline "enough is enough", Alun Morris, Yolanda Lynes, Meg Harvey and Oliver Clarke have launched "Our House" at Oswestry's Gibsons nightclub.

The night was so successful that the group have already planned a beach party-themed rave for July, promising "melodic tropical house, cocktails, Hawaiian shirts and sunnies."

More information can be found on the "Our House" Facebook page.

Daniel Broncano will appear during the Llanfyllin Music Festival

Young film maker looking forward to city festival

A TEENAGE film maker from Powys will have her latest production shown at a film festival in London after its prequel went viral on the internet.

Agnieszka Kolaczynska, known as Agi K, started her award winning series of films 'My Little Sister (who happens to have Down's syndrome)' when she was eight.

Now 13, she has had the latest episode of the series selected to be screened at the prestigious International Youth Arts Festival (IYAF) in Kingston, London, this month.

The self-funded fly-on-the-wall series started in 2009 with a three-minute upload to YouTube about Agi's life with little sister Magdalena that went viral.

In 2013 Agi won the National Youth Film Festival (NYFF) 'One to Watch' award with her 'Upbeat documentary about the relationship between two unschooled sisters living in the remote Welsh hills.'

Episode 8, which will be screened twice at the festival, is a 45 minute film.

Agnieszka Kolaczynska with her sister Magdalena

Agi, from Llanidloes, said: "After the first episode went viral, I got lots of messages from people all over the world saying how much they loved the video, how it inspired them to feel good about the future, and how it was needed among all the negativity about Down's syndrome out there. I was asked over and over when the next episode was coming out, so I decided to make it a lifetime film project, making films every year about my life and relationship with Magdalena.

"This year's film is 45 minutes long and is made from footage of our lives in 2013 taken when Magdalena was seven and I was 10."

Now Agi said she is looking forward to the screenings, which will take place on Sunday and Thursday.

"The world premiere cinema screening of My Little Sister (who happens to have Down's syndrome) episode 8 will be part of the International Youth Arts Festival Kingston 2015, and if this wasn't enough, I've been programmed with Mo Ali, the cutting edge director of Shank and Montana," she said.

"We'll be giving a talk on the digital film industry, and what we would tell our younger selves about entering the creative industry.

"I'm looking forward to exploring the festival. There are so many different people involved doing different things, every day of the 17 days is jam packed with exciting events. It's so awesome that there are so many creative, inspiring people at the festival, I am really looking forward to attending lots of performances, participating in events and meeting new people."

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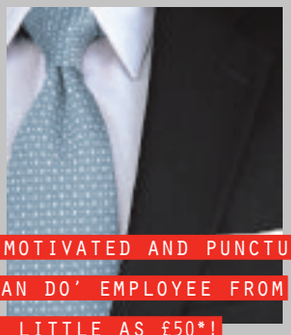

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FORD FIESTA ZETEC
1.25 82PS 5dr
£12873 • SAVE £1261
• 15" 5x2-spoke alloy wheels • Front fog lights with chrome surround • Quicklear heated windscreen
£1375 DEPOSIT ALLOWANCE
£159* PER MONTH | **4.3%** APR*

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1.5 112PS 5dr
£13754 • SAVE £830
• Manual air conditioning • Radio/CD with USB connector, AUX input and Ford SYNC • Power front and rear windows
£425 DEPOSIT ALLOWANCE
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£17298 • SAVE £1646
• 16" 5x2-spoke alloy wheels • Quickclear heated windscreen and washer jets • Front fog lights
£2075 DEPOSIT ALLOWANCE
£199* PER MONTH | **4.3%** APR*

REPRESENTATIVE EXAMPLE: FORD FIESTA ZETEC 1.25 82PS 5DR*

36 monthly payments	Cash price	Customer deposit	Ford Deposit allowance	Amount of credit	Total amount payable (inc. £10 facility and purchase fee)	GMFV (Optional final payment)	APR Representative
£159.00	£12,873.27	£1,500.00	£1,375.00	£9,998.28	£13,877.00	£5,258.00	4.3%

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*Finance subject to status. Guarantees and indemnities may be required. Freepost Ford Credit. Facility fee (where applicable) is payable with first payment. Deposit allowance only available when financed with Ford Credit. Purchase fee (where applicable) is payable with GMFV if you wish to own the vehicle at the end of the agreement. ^3 years servicing based on 2 services or 24,000 miles. Vehicles shown for illustration purposes only. Terms & conditions apply, please ask us for details. Subject to stock availability. This supersedes all previously advertised manufacturers promotions. Information correct at time of publication E&OE.

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BIG choice of Škoda models from £5695 to £19995

14 Reg Skoda Rapid Spaceback S
1.2 Petrol, 8938mls, £30 RFL, WAS £9695
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14 Reg	Skoda Octavia, SE 5dr HBK 2.0 Diesel, FSH, 7147mls, £20 RFL	£15,795
14 Reg	Skoda Rapid Spaceback, SE 5dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 13247mls, £30 RFL	£9,995
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12 Reg	Skoda Fabia, Monte Carlo 5dr HBK 1.6 Diesel, FSH, 24961mls, £20 RFL	£8,795
62 Reg	Skoda Fabia, Scout 5dr EST 1.6 Diesel, FSH, 10213mls, £20 RFL	£9,995

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12 Reg	Ford Ka, Edge 3dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 11451mls, £30 RFL	£5,995
12 Reg	Ford Ka, Edge 3dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 23832mls, £30 RFL	£5,295
14 Reg	Ford Ka, Edge 3dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 9507mls, £30 RFL	£6,495
12 Reg	Ford Ka, Edge 3dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 20311mls, £30 RFL	£5,495
09 Reg	Ford Fiesta, Zetec 5dr HBK 1.4 Diesel, FSH, 18847mls, £20 RFL	£6,295
13 Reg	Ford Fiesta, Zetec 5dr HBK 1.25 Petrol, FSH, 13227mls, £30 RFL	£8,995
14 Reg	Ford Fiesta, Zetec 5dr HBK 1.25 Petrol, FSH, 9641mls, £30 RFL	£8,995
12 Reg	Ford Focus, Zetec 5dr HBK 1.6 Petrol, FSH, 12911mls	£9,495
14 Reg	Ford Focus, Zetec 5dr HBK 1.0 Petrol, FSH, 28274mls, £30 RFL	£11,295
14 Reg	Ford Focus, Zetec 5dr HBK 1.6 Petrol, FSH, 28287mls	£9,995
59 Reg	Ford Fusion, Zetec Climate 5dr EST 1.4 Petrol, 31037mls	£5,495
09 Reg	Kia Sorrento, XE AUTO 5dr 4x4 2.5 Diesel, FSH, 59092mls	£8,495
12 Reg	Skoda Fabia, SE 5dr EST 1.6 Diesel, FSH, 35465mls, £30 RFL	£7,495
12 Reg	Skoda Yeti, SE 5dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 23784mls	£13,495
13 Reg	Skoda Yeti, Elegance 170ps 4X4 5dr HBK 2.0 Diesel, FSH, 30375mls	£16,795
61 Reg	Vauxhall Astra, Excite 5dr HBK 1.7 Diesel 21392mls, £30 RFL	£8,495

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12 Reg	Skoda Fabia, SE 5dr EST 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 10132mls	£7,995
63 Reg	Ford Ka, Edge 3dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 24159mls, £30 RFL	£5,795
10 Reg	Honda Jazz, Si 5dr HBK 1.3 Petrol, FSH, 37258mls	£6,495
58 Reg	Ford Fiesta, Style Plus 5dr HBK 1.4 Diesel, FSH, 17781mls, £20 RFL	£5,795
62 Reg	Skoda Superb, Elegance 170PS 4x4 5dr HBK 2.0 Diesel, FSH, 50572mls	£11,995
64 Reg	Ford Fiesta, Zetec EcoBoost 100PS 5dr HBK 1.0 Petrol, FSH, 3147mls, £0 RFL	£11,295
12 Reg	Land Rover Freelander, XS 5dr 4x4 2.2 Diesel, FSH, 25054mls	£18,995
14 Reg	Skoda Yeti, SE DSG AUTO 5dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 7739mls	£16,795
60 Reg	Skoda Fabia, SE 5dr HBK 1.6 Diesel, FSH, 68176mls, £20 RFL	£5,295

SIZZLING SUMMER SAVERS

Ford • Honda • Kia • Peugeot models all with big savings

05 Reg Honda CR-V Exclusive 5dr 4x4 Diesel, £30RFL
WAS £6795 • NOW
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09 Reg Peugeot 107 Verve 3dr 1.0 Petrol, FSH, 45,367mls, £20 RFL
WAS £3995 • NOW
£3495
SAVE £500

62 Reg Kia Sportage 1 5dr SUV Diesel, FSH 21,415mls
WAS £14295 • NOW
£13995
SAVE £300

14 Reg Ford Fiesta Zetec 5dr 1.0 EcoBoost FSH, 14764mls, £0RFL
WAS £10995 • NOW
£9995
SAVE £1000

		WAS	SAVE	NOW
14 Reg	Ford Fiesta, Zetec EcoBoost 5dr HBK 1.0 Petrol, FSH, 14764mls, £0 RFL	£10,995	£1,000	£9,995
14 Reg	Ford Fiesta, Zetec EcoBoost 5dr HBK 1.0 Petrol, FSH, 3562mls, £0 RFL	£11,295	£500	£10,795
14 Reg	Ford Fiesta, Zetec EcoBoost 5dr HBK 1.0 Petrol, FSH, 1732mls, £0 RFL	£11,395	£600	£10,795
09 Reg	Ford Kuga, Zetec TDCi 5dr EST 2.0 Diesel, FSH , 60653mls	£10,995	£700	£10,295
05 Reg	Honda CR-V, Exclusive 5dr 4x4 2.2 Diesel , 55292mls, £30 RFL	£6,795	£500	£6,295
62 Reg	Kia Sportage, 1 5dr SUV 1.7 Diesel, FSH, 21415mls	£14,295	£300	£13,995
09 Reg	Peugeot 107, Verve 3dr HBK 1.0 Petrol, FSH, 45367mls, £20 RFL	£3,995	£500	£3,495

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How they stand

Shropshire County Cricket League

Premier League

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Frankton	11	6	3	1	2	181
Newport	11	6	4	1	1	180
Wem	11	5	3	2	1	180
St Georges	11	7	4	2	2	173
Reman Services	11	5	3	4	1	155
Ludlow & S S	11	4	1	5	2	131
Broseley	11	4	2	4	1	126
Madeley	11	4	3	4	1	124
Bomere Heath	11	4	2	6	1	120
Quatt	11	1	4	5	2	102
Cound	11	1	2	8	1	85
Wroxeter Grove	11	1	3	6	1	74

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Allscott	11	6	2	2	1	187
Forton	11	6	2	2	1	186
Albrighton	11	7	1	1	2	179
Shelton	11	5	1	3	2	162
Alberbury	11	5	0	5	1	155
Newtown	11	4	0	6	1	141
Knockin & Kinn	11	4	1	4	2	140
Beacon	11	3	1	6	1	129
Pontesbury	11	3	3	4	1	127
Lilleshall	11	3	0	7	1	122
Market Drayton	11	4	0	5	2	118
Tibberton	11	2	1	7	1	94

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Condover	11	6	3	0	2	196
Willey	11	6	2	1	2	176
Wellington III	11	6	2	2	1	166
Welshpool	11	5	1	3	2	145
Montgomery	11	5	1	4	1	140
Ellesmere	11	4	2	5	0	135
Church Stretton	11	3	2	5	1	113
Bishops Castle	11	3	2	4	2	106
Shrewsbury III	11	3	2	5	1	100
Cae Glas	11	3	1	4	3	99
Much Wenlock	11	1	2	7	1	97
Prees	11	2	0	7	2	76

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Iscoyd & F B	11	7	3	0	1	212
Wheaton Aston	11	5	4	1	1	192
Church Aston	11	7	2	1	1	186
Shifnal III	11	5	2	3	1	144
Llanidloes	11	4	2	3	2	140
Oswestry III	11	3	3	4	1	126
Calverhall	11	3	1	5	2	125
Corvedale	11	3	2	5	1	110
Ludlow & S S III	11	3	0	7	1	106
Chelmarsh	11	2	4	4	1	103
Wroxeter Grove III	11	2	3	5	1	89
Harpers	11	0	4	6	1	73

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Trysull & Seisdon	10	4	5	0	1	177
Hinstock	10	6	2	0	2	166
Hodnet & Peplow	10	5	3	0	2	165
Acton Reynald	10	4	3	2	1	140
Harcourt	10	4	4	1	1	138
Overton-on-Dee	10	3	3	4	0	116
St Georges III	10	4	1	3	2	106
Guilsfield	10	3	0	5	2	87
Coton Hall	10	0	2	6	2	68
Beacon III	10	1	2	7	0	55
Quatt III	10	0	1	6	3	26

Division 4A

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Newport III	11	8	3	0	0	235
Cound III	11	5	3	3	0	179
Worfield III	11	5	4	2	0	170
Wem III	11	2	7	2	0	165
Bomere Heath III	11	3	6	2	0	163
Alberbury III	11	5	5	1	0	159
Wellington V	11	4	4	2	1	154
Knockin & Kinn III	11	3	6	2	0	131
Frankton III	11	3	4	4	0	130
Madeley III	11	2	1	8	0	88
Reman Services III	11	1	2	7	1	83
Whitchurch III	11	0	1	8	2	64

Division 5

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Quayside	11	10	0	1	0	224
Bridgnorth III	11	10	0	0	1	221
Pontesbury III	11	9	1	1	0	196
Albrighton II	11	6	2	2	1	160
Shrewsbury IV	11	6	1	3	1	156
Ludlow & S S IV	11	4	1	4	2	139
Acton Reynald II	11	4	1	5	1	132
Knockin & Kinn IV	11	4	0	4	3	117
Llanidloes II	11	3	2	5	1	108
Wellington VI	11	2	3	5	1	90
Much Wenlock II	11	1	3	6	1	89
Corvedale II	11	2	2	6	1	87
Lilleshall III	11	1	4	5	1	84
Lilleshall IV	11	2	2	6	1	84
Madeley IV	11	1	1	7	2	76
Allscott III	11	1	3	6	1	59

Reserve Division 1

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Cound	11	7	1	2	1	196
Reman Services	11	6	1	3	1	175
Ludlow & S S	11	5	1	4	1	169
St Georges	11	4	2	4	1	148
Wem	11	4	1	4	2	148
Beacon	11	5	1	4	1	144
Newport	11	3	3	4	1	140
Quatt	11	4	3	3	1	135
Wellington	11	4	2	4	1	132
Frankton	11	3	2	5	1	127
Madeley	11	3	2	4	2	118
Bomere Heath	11	1	1	8	1	68

Reserve Division 2

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Lilleshall	11	7	2	1	1	201
Knockin & Kinn	11	5	3	1	2	168
Alberbury	11	4	2	3	2	139
Cae Glas	11	3	5	1	2	136
Forton	11	4	1	5	1	134
Wroxeter Grove	11	4	3	2	2	128
Willey	11	4	3	3	1	124
Condover	11	4	1	4	2	119
Pontesbury	11	2	3	5	1	102
Allscott	11	2	3	5	1	90
Shelton	11	0	3	6	2	88
Welshpool	11	3	1	6	1	87

Reserve Division 3

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Montgomery	11	6	1	2	2	175
Broseley	11	6	2	2	1	174
Ellesmere	11	6	0	3	2	154
Iscoyd & F B	11	6	1	4	0	148
Market Drayton	11	5	1	4	1	142
Shifnal	11	4	2	4	1	137
Oswestry	11	4	2	3	2	135
Newtown	11	4	1	5	1	125
Bishops Castle	11	3	1	6	1	110
St Georges	11	4	1	5	1	98
Tibberton	11	2	2	6	1	94
Wroxeter Grove	11	2	0	8	1	48

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First Teams

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Berkswell	11	7	2	1	0	1	171
Ombersley	11	7	1	2	0	1	170
Shrewsbury	11	7	0	2	0	2	169
Knowle & D	11	6	0	4	0	1	147
Kidderminster	11	6	0	4	0	1	140
WB Dartmouth	11	4	1	4	0	2	134
Walmley	11	5	1	4	0	1	133
Barnt Green	11	3	1	5	0	2	106
Dorridge	11	3	2	5	0	1	100
Brockhampton	11	2	1	7	0	1	89
W'ton	11	2	1	7	0	1	72
Kenilworth W	11	1	0	8	0	2	58

Division One

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Old Hill	11	5	2	3	0	1	155
Moseley	11	5	1	3	0	2	153
Walsall	11	6	0	3	0	2	150
Barnards Grn	11	6	0	3	0	2	150
Smethwick	11	5	1	3	0	2	145
Leam'ton Spa	11	5	0	4	0	2	137
Bromsgrove	11	4	2	3	0	2	128
Himley	11	3	2	5	0	1	118
Attock	11	3	2	5	0	1	112
Oswestry	11	3	0	6	0	2	111
Wellington	11	3	1	6	0	1	108
Harborne	11	2	1	6	0	2	88

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Sutton C'field	11	7	2	1	0	1	194
Bridgnorth	11	8	2	0	0	1	192
Penkridge	11	7	1	2	0	1	173
Tamworth	11	6	2	2	0	1	173
O Elizabethans	11	4	3	4	0	0	133
Coventry/NW	11	4	2	5	0	0	130
Shifnal	11	4	3	4	0	0	128
Wombourne	11	2	3	5	0	1	102
Halesowen	11	2	2	6	0	1	93
Brewood	11	2	3	6	0	0	86
Eastnor	11	1	2	7	0	1	82
Stourbridge	11	1	3	6	0	1	67

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
C & R Hawks	11	7	0	2	0	2	165
S'ford-u-Avon	11	6	1	3	0	1	165
Aston Manor	11	6	1	3	0	1	163
Fordhouses	11	5	1	3	1	1	159
Pelsall	11	5	1	4	0	1	141
Whitchurch	11	5	0	5	0	1	136
Streetly	11	4	1	4	0	2	124
Astwood Bank	11	5	1	4	0	1	123
Worcester	11	4	1	5	0	1	123
Worfield	11	4	0	6	0	1	118
Kings Heath	11	2	1	6	1	1	99
Water Orton	11	1	0	9	0	1	54

Second Teams

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
W'ton	11	7	0	2	0	2	174
Moseley	11	6	1	2	0	2	171
Walmley	11	6	1	3	0	1	159
WB Dartmouth	11	5	2	2	0	2	146
Knowle & D	11	4	3	2	0	2	145
Leam'ton Spa	11	4	2	3	0	2	142
Brockhampton	11	4	1	4	0	2	130
Kidderminster	11	4	2	3	0	2	114
Harborne	11	3	2	5	0	1	107
Himley	11	3	1	6	0	1	99
Attock	11	2	1	6	0	2	88
Barnt Green	11	0	0	10	0	1	41

Division One

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Coventry/NW	11	7	0	2	0	2	156
Walsall	11	5	1	3	0	2	147
Halesowen	11	4	3	3	0	1	143
Shifnal	11	5	2	3	0	1	142
Astwood Bank	11	5	1	4	0	1	140
Shrewsbury	11	5	1	4	0	1	135
Kenilworth W	11	3	2	4	0	2	119
Old Hill	11	3	1	6	0	1	118
Tamworth	11	4	1	5	0	1	118
Wellington	11	4	0	5	0	2	118
Penkridge	11	3	2	5	0	1	105
S'ford-u-Avon	11	2	2	6	0	1	90

Division Two North

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Bridgnorth	11	7	3	0	0	1	188
Oswestry	11	7	0	1	0	3	171
C & R Hawks	11	5	2	3	0	1	155
Smethwick	11	6	0	4	0	1	149
Brewood	11	6	0	3	0	2	144
Aston Manor	11	5	1	3	0	2	132
Pelsall	11	4	1	5	0	1	124
Worfield	11	4	1	5	0	1	111
Fordhouses	11	3	0	7	0	1	94
Whitchurch	11	2	1	5	1	2	90
Wombourne	11	1	0	8	1	1	70
Streetly	11	0	3	6	0	2	52

Division Two South

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
O Elizabethans	11	8	0	2	0	1	174
Ombersley	11	7	0	3	0	1	162
Barnards Grn	11	6	0	4	0	1	161
Eastnor	11	6	0	4	0	1	153
Bromsgrove	11	6	0	3	0	2	137
Berkswell	11	4	1	4	0	2	132
Sutton C'field	11	5	0	5	0	1	126
Water Orton	11	4	0	6	0	1	107
Worcester	11	3	2	5	0	1	100
Stourbridge	11	3	1	6	0	1	85
Kings Heath	11	2	0	7	0	2	72
Dorridge	11	2	0	7	0	2	71

Shropshire County Cricket U11s League

Group A

	P	W	L	Pts
Montgomery	5	3	2	12
Pontesbury	5	3	2	12
Condover	3	3	0	12
Cound	2	2	0	8
Beacon	6	1	5	4
Bishops Castle	3	0	3	0

Group B

	P	W	L	Pts
Whitchurch	7	7	0	28
Shrewsbury	6	4	2	16
Oswestry	4	1	3	4
Knockin	3	1	2	4
Wem	3	1	2	4
Ellesmere	5	0	5	0

East Shropshire Junior Cricket League

Under 15s

	P	W	L	Pts
C&R Hawks	7	6	1	38
Wolverhampton	6	5	1	32
Cannock	5	1	4	14
Shifnal	4	1	3	12
Bridgnorth	4	0	4	8

Under 13s Division A

	P	W	L	Pts
Bridgnorth	7	6	1	38
Wellington	7	4	2	29
Wolverhampton	7	4	2	29
Worfield	7	4	2	29
St Georges	7	3	4	26
Lilleshall	8	1	7	20
Shifnal	7	1	5	17

Under 13s Division B

	P	W	L	Pts
Reman Services	6	6	0	36
Albrighton	8	4	4	32
Newport	5	4	1	26
Madeley	6	3	2	23
Much Wenlock	6	3	1	22
Broseley	7	2	3	20
Codsall	6	2	3	19
Forton	5	2	2	17
St Georges	5	2	1	16
Wellington	5	0	5	10
Allscott	5	0	4	9
Wroxeter Grove	2	0	2	4

Under 11 Division A

	P	W	L	Pts
Wellington	5	5	0	30
Shifnal	6	4	2	28
Shrewsbury	6	3	3	24
Bridgnorth	6	2	4	20
Wolverhampton	4	2	2	16
Worfield	5	0	5	10

The Ellesmere College shooting team came away from the Arthur Clarke Schools and CCF Cadets Long Range Rifle competition with a hoard of trophies and medals.

The boys and girls team competed against 30 other Schools and CCF contingents from across the country to finish in the top three at the National Shooting Centre in Bisley, Surrey.

The boys team won the challenge shield, with an impressive performance by Sixth Form pupil; Ben Williamson and the girl's team finished in the top three overall, with a number of personal best performances.

The event is for teams of four firing a maximum of three sighting shots and 10 shots to count at 800 yards and two sighting shots and 10 shots to count at 900 yards.

Shooting coach Tom Rylands said: "This was a great result for both our teams, this event was a warm up for the National Schools Ashburton Shield. All of the students have continued to improve their standards at competitions with several members achieving representational honours at British Schools and Junior National level during the past year."

Under 11 Division B pairs

	P	W	L	Pts
St Georges	6	3	2	22
Reman Services	4	3	1	20
Allscott	4	3	0	19
Newport	5	3	0	18
Lilleshall	5	2	2	17
Worfield	6	2	2	16
Albrighton	5	0	4	9
Quatt	6	1	1	8
Forton	5	0	3	7
Madeley	4	0	2	4
Wellington	4	0	0	2

Under 10 Dev

	P	W	L	Pts
Bridgnorth	9	6	1	40
Broseley	8	4	2	30
Shifnal	7	4	2	29
Worfield	8	4	1	29
Quatt	7	3	1	25
Wellington	8	3	1	24
Lilleshall	6	3	2	23
Allscott	8	2	3	23
St Georges	8	2	2	20
Newport	8	1	4	17
Wellington	9	0	6	15
Oswestry	5	1	3	13
Much Wenlock	7	0	5	12

Shrewsbury & District Evening Cricket League

Division 1

	P	W	L	T	Pts
Wem	6	6	0	0	101
Grasshoppers	5	3	1	1	67
Bomere Heath	4	2	1	1	52
Cound	5	2	3	0	50
Condover	6	1	5	0	37
Shelton	4	0	4	0	23

Division 2

	P	W	L	T	Pts
Frankton I	7	5	1	0	108
The Bedouins	6	4	2	0	75
Rough & T'blers	7	4	3	0	74
Welshpool	7	3	4	0	61
Knockin	6	2	4	0	52
Beacon I	7	1	6	0	45

Division 3

	P	W	L	T	Pts
Whittington	5	5	0	0	81
Pontesbury	4	2	2	0	50
Alberbury	4	2	2	0	46
Prees	4	2	2	0	29
Iscoyd & F B	5	0	5	0	22

Division 4

	P	W	L	T	Pts
Beacon	6	4	2	0	81
Old P O (Shrews)	4	3	1	0	56
Wem	6	1	4	0	48
Acton Reynald	4	2	2	0	44
Bomere Heath	5	2	3	0	44
Allscott	5	2	2	0	40

Division 5

	P	W	L	T	Pts
Ellesmere	6	5	1	0	90
RAF Shawbury	5	5	0	0	84
Wellington	6	5	1	0	75
Frankton	6	4	2	0	72
Wroxeter Grove	6	3	3	0	71
Calverhall	6	3	3	0	66
Alberbury	6	3	3	0	61
Beacon	6	1	5	0	37
Cae Glas	6	0	6	0	26
Shrewsbury R C	5	0	5	0	22

Babolat Sponsored Shropshire Summer Doubles

Men's Doubles

Premier

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Shifnal	4	4	0	0	29
Team Mosaic	4	3	0	1	22
Woodfield	3	1	0	2	7
Boughey Gardens	4	0	0	4	6
Criftins	1	0	0	1	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Team Mosaic II	4	4	0	0	31
Boughey Gardens II	4	3	0	1	21
Wem	5	2	0	3	16
High Ercall	4	0	0	4	3
Bridgnorth	1	0	0	1	1

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Worfield	5	4	0	1	28
Wrekin	4	3	0	1	26
Hollies	3	2	0	1	17
Team Mosaic III	4	2	0	2	13
Boughey Gardens III	5	1	0	4	13
Shifnal II	2	2	0	0	12
Shrewsbury	3	1	0	2	9
Longden	2	1	0	1	7
Woodfield II	4	0	0	4	3

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Bridgnorth II	6	5	0	1	37
Claverley	4	4	0	0	30
Boughey Gardens IV	5	2	0	3	16
Oswestry TT	3	3	0	0	15
Church Stretton	2	2	0	0	13
Claverley II	5	2	0	3	12
Cound	6	1	0	5	10
Woodfield III	5	0	0	5	7
Market Drayton	2	0	0	2	4

Division 4N

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Baschurch	6	6	0	0	46
Team Mosaic IV	5	5	0	0	38
Wem II	5	3	0	2	26
Norton in Hales	4	2	0	2	16
Rowton Castle	5	2	0	3	15
Criftins II	3	1	0	2	8
Town Walls II	3	1	0	2	7
Shrewsbury III	6	0	0	6	3
Woodfield IV	3	0	0	3	1

Division 4S

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Albrighton	5	4	0	1	29
Worfield II	4	3	0	1	23
Shifnal III	4	2	0	2	18
Shrewsbury II	3	3	0	0	17
Town Walls	4	2	0	2	16
Bishops Castle	2	1	0	1	9
Bridgnorth III	1	1	0	0	8
Cound II	4	0	0	4	6
Longden II	5	0	0	5	2

Division 5N

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Oswestry	7	7	0	0	52
High Ercall II	7	5	0	2	31
Hanmer	6	3	0	3	25
Baschurch II	6	3	0	3	23
Norton in Hales II	5	3	0	2	22
Bomere Heath	4	2	0	2	21
High Ercall III	5	1	1	3	13
Market Drayton II	4	0	1	3	9
Hollies II	6	0	0	6	4

Division 5S

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Wrekin II	6	6	0	0	47
Alveley	3	2	0	1	17
Wrekin III	5	2	0	3	17
Worfield III	3	2	0	1	15
Telford Community	2	1	0	1	9
Shrewsbury IV	3	1	0	2	8
Bridgnorth IV	4	1	0	3	6
Rowton Castle II	2	0	0	2	1
Woodfield 5	2	0	0	2	0

Division 6N

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Boughey Gardens V	8	8	0	0	53
Hinstock	6	4	0	2	31
Wollerton	7	4	0	3	28
Oswestry II	6	3	0	3	28
Criftins III	7	3	0	4	27
Lilleshall Village	4	2	0	2	18
Wem III	4	1	0	3	11
Hollies III	5	1	0	4	9
Shrewsbury V	5	0	0	5	1

Division 6S

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Bridgnorth V	6	6	0	0	46
Shifnal IV	7	4	0	3	29
Team Mosaic V	4	4	0	0	24
Ludlow Castle	4	3	0	1	22
Longden III	6	2	0	4	20
Albrighton II	5	2	0	3	16
Burway	4	1	0	3	11
Worfield IV	5	1	0	4	9
Church Stretton II	5	0	0	5	3

Division 7N

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Hinstock II	3	3	0	0	22
Liilleshall Village II	4	2	0	2	18
Market Drayton III	3	0	0	3	0
Team Mosaic VI	0	0	0	0	0
Oswestry TT II	0	0	0	0	0

Division 7S

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Shrewsbury VI	7	5	0	2	38
Broseley	4	4	0	0	30
Town Walls III	5	4	0	1	29
Longden IV	3	2	0	1	12
Woodfield VI	4	1	0	3	10
Telford Community II	5	1	0	4	9
Claverley III	4	1	0	3	7
Cound III	4	0	0	4	5

Women's Doubles

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Shrewsbury Ladies	7	5	0	2	40
Oswestry Ladies	4	3	0	1	25
Bridgnorth Ladies	3	3	0	0	22
Shrewsbury Ladies II	5	2	0	3	15
Woodfield Ladies	3	2	0	1	13
Hollies Ladies	6	1	0	5	12
Shifnal Ladies	4	1	0	3	11
Cound Ladies	4	1	0	3	8
Team Mosaic Ladies	2	1	0	1	6

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Baschurch Ladies	5	5	0	0	34
Team Mosaic Ladies II	6	4	0	2	31
Town Walls Ladies	6	4	0	2	30
Market Drayton Ladies	4	3	0	1	23
Broseley Ladies	5	2	0	3	16
Oswestry TT Ladies	5	1	0	4	16
Longden Ladies	5	1	0	4	10
Boughey Gardens Ladies	1	1	0	0	5
Cound Ladies II	5	0	0	5	2

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Woodfield Ladies II	7	6	0	1	44
Longden Ladies II	7	4	0	3	29
Wrekin Ladies II	6	3	0	3	24
Wem Ladies	5	3	0	2	23
Town Walls Ladies II	5	2	0	3	20
Bridgnorth Ladies II	2	2	0	0	16
High Ercall Ladies	4	2	0	2	16
Lilleshall Village Ladies	4	1	0	3	10
Hollies Ladies II	6	0	0	6	2

Division 4N

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Team Mosaic Ladies III	6	6	0	0	44
Criftins Ladies5	5	0	0	38	
Lilleshall Village Ladies II	7	4	0	3	33
Shrewsbury Ladies IV	4	2	0	2	7
Wollerton Ladies	4	1	0	3	12
Criftins Ladies II	3	1	0	2	8
Woodfield Ladies III	3	1	0	2	8
Baschurch Ladies II	5	1	0	4	7
Hollies Ladies III	5	0	0	5	1

Division 4S

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Ludlow Castle Ladies	5	4	0	1	34
Shrewsbury Ladies III	5	4	0	1	29
Broseley Ladies II	6	3	0	3	26
Claverley Ladies	3	3	0	0	24
Cound Ladies III	4	2	0	2	11
Worfield Ladies	5	1	0	4	11
Burway Ladies	4	1	0	3	11
Shifnal Ladies II	4	1	0	3	5
Town Walls Ladies II	2	0	0	2	1

Division 5N

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Oswestry Ladies II	7	6	0	1	45
Woodfield Ladies V	6	4	0	2	28
Rowton Castle Ladies	6	2	0	4	20
Shrewsbury Ladies V	4	2	0	2	19
Team Mosaic Ladies 5	5	2	0	3	18
Woodfield Ladies IV	3	2	0	1	14
Norton in Hales Ladies	3	1	0	2	7
Boughey Gardens Ladies II	2	1	0	1	6
Hollies Ladies IV	4	0	0	4	3

Division 5S

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Bridgnorth Ladies 3	7	5	0	2	41
Church Stretton Ladies	4	4	0	0	28
Border Nomads Ladies	5	4	0	1	27
Alveley Ladies	5	3	0	2	24
Team Mosaic Ladies IV	4	3	0	1	21
Longden Ladies III	5	2	0	3	17
Albrighton Ladies	4	2	0	2	15
Albrighton Ladies II	6	0	0	6	7
Cound Ladies IV	6	0	0	6	3

Division 6N

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Baschurch Ladies III	5	5	0	0	35
Hinstock Ladies	7	4	0	3	34
Hanmer Ladies	6	4	0	2	32
Criftins Ladies III	7	4	0	3	30
Market Drayton Ladies II	7	3	0	4	27
High Ercall Ladies II	3	3	0	0	22
Town Walls Ladies IV	3	3	0	0	22
Wollerton Ladies II	8	2	0	6	19
Oswestry Ladies III	5	2	0	3	17
Hinstock Ladies II	7	1	0	6	10
Team Mosaic Ladies VI	4	0	0	4	0

Division 6S

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Bridgnorth Ladies VI	6	6	0	0	47
Ludlow Castle Ladies II	6	4	0	2	28
Worfield Ladies II	4	3	0	1	26
Bridgnorth Ladies V	6	2	0	4	18
Worthen Ladies	5	2	0	3	17
Bishops Castle Ladies	2	2	0	0	15
Claverley Ladies II	3	1	0	2	8
Longden ladies IV	4	1	0	3	7
Bishops Castle Ladies II	6	0	0	6	2

Oswestry & District Bowling League

Division 1

	P	W	L	DAgg	P
Johnstown A	12	8	3	1+198	75
Llangollen A	12	7	4	1+154	71
Ruabon A	12	8	4	0+107	69
Ceiriog Valley A	12	7	5	0+93	67
Criftins A	12	7	5	0+49	65
Chirk AAA A	12	5	6	1+22	60
Church A	12	5	6	1 -1	60
Overton A	12	4	5	3 -21	59
Corwen A	12	5	7	0 -11	58
Whittington A	12	5	6	1 -63	52
Flexsys A	12	3	9	0-242	43
Cynwyd A	12	4	8	0-285	41

Division 2

	P	W	L	DAgg	P
Ellesmere B	13	7	5	1+132	72
Criftins B	12	9	3	0+148	71
Johnstown B	12	7	4	1+181	70
Weston Rhyn A	12	8	4	0+147	69
Llangynog A	12	7	5	0+81	67
Church B	12	7	5	0+48	65
Llanrhaeadr A	12	6	5	1+21	62
Llanymynech A	12	5	7	0+18	60
Ye Olde Crofte A	12	5	6	1 -22	60
Criftins C	13	5	7	1 -81	60
George	12	3	8	1-172	47
Ellesmere A	12	1	11	0-501	27

Division 3

	P	W	L	DAgg	P
Plas Kynaston A	12	10	1	1+224	78
Bersham	12	8	4	0+178	72
Whittington B	12	7	5	0+118	70
Ruabon B	12	6	6	0+167	67
Black Lion	12	6	6	0+27	61
Chirk AAA B	12	6	6	0 +6	61
Whittington E	12	4	7	1+45	59
Johnstown C	12	5	5	2-107	58
Ceiriog Valley B	12	5	6	1-222	51
Johnstown D	12	4	8	0 -56	50
Royston A	12	4	7	1-171	48
Weston Rhyn C	12	4	8	0-209	45

Division 4

	P	W	L	DAggr	P
Fox Lane	12	9	3	0+139	72
Llangollen B	12	6	6	0+211	67
Ceiriog Valley C	12	7	5	0+52	67
Plas Kynaston B	12	6	5	1+48	66
Llanymynech B	12	6	6	0+51	64
Llangynog C	12	6	6	0+55	61
Overton B	12	6	6	0 -20	60
Llanfyllin A	12	6	6	0 -46	60
Llanrhaeadr C	12	8	4	0 -25	59
Church C	12	5	6	1+24	58
Johnstown E	12	3	9	0-197	44
Flexsys B	12	3	9	0-292	42

Division 5

	P	W	L	DAggr	Pts
Overton C	11	9	2	0+272	74
Cynwyd B	11	8	3	0+187	73
Llanrhaeadr B	11	5	3	3+70	60
Llanrhaeadr D	11	5	4	2+61	58
Ye Olde Crofte B	11	4	4	3+16	58
Corwen B	10	5	3	2+42	55
Chirk AAA C	11	3	7	1+19	52
Weston Rhyn B	11	4	7	0 -96	45
Royston B	11	3	8	0-150	45
Church D	10	6	4	0-128	44
Whittington C	10	1	8	1-293	26

Division 6

	P	W	L	DAgg	P
Ifton	10	10	0	0+731	87
Criftins D	10	7	3	0+248	66
Whittington D	10	6	4	0+72	58
Llangynog B	10	6	3	1+19	55
Cynwyd C	10	5	5	0+79	51
Weston Rhyn D	10	3	6	1 -3	46
Llanymynech C	10	4	6	0-116	45
Llanfyllin B	10	4	5	1-240	41
Llanrhaeadr E	10	1	7	2-363	27
Church E	10	1	8	1-427	24

Division 7 (Veterans)

	P	W	L	DAgg	Pts
Llangollen	10	8	2	0+275	62
Whittington B	10	6	4	0+177	50
Royston B	10	7	3	0+104	50
Weston Rhyn A	10	6	4	0+176	49
Chirk AAA	10	7	3	0+68	49
Llangynog A	10	5	5	0 +6	47
Overton A	9	4	5	0+38	43
Royston A	10	3	7	0-220	34
Cynwyd B	10	2	8	0-357	29
Llanrhaeadr A	9	1	8	0-267	28

Division 8 (Veterans)

	P	W	L	DAgg	Pts
Weston Rhyn B	10	7	3	0+280	61
Cynwyd A	10	9	1	0+310	59
Ceiriog Valley	10	8	2	0+264	55
Y O Crofte	10	6	4	0+158	52
Church Club A	10	7	3	0+103	46
Church Club B	10	4	6	0 -73	42
Llangynog B	10	3	7	0-113	39
Llanrhaeadr B	10	3	7	0-150	35
Overton B	10	2	8	0-268	33
Whittington A	10	1	9	0-511	28

Wem & District Bowling League

Division 1

	P	W	L	D	GW Ag	P
Newport A	8	6	1	1	59+314	71
Hanwood A	9	6	3	0	53+131	65
Meole Brace A	9	6	2	1	49+137	65
Battlefield A	8	6	1	1	52+265	64
Castlefields A	9	5	3	1	49+35	59
Hadley Usc	9	4	5	0	46+16	54
Powbc A	9	3	6	0	40-102	46
Sir John Bayley	9	2	7	0	37-188	41
Wem Bc B	9	2	7	0	30-234	34
Unison A	9	2	7	0	25-374	29

Division 2

	P	W	L	D	GW Ag	P
Ifton	10	9	1	0	71+421	89
St Georges	9	6	3	0	59+415	71
Wem Usc	10	6	4	0	54+108	66
Prince Hotel A	10	5	5	0	55+47	65
Elephant & Castle	10	6	4	0	53+146	65
Osbc A	10	7	3	0	50+16	64
Wem Bc A	10	5	5	0	51 -22	61
Bicton A	10	4	6	0	53 -7	59
Telepost	10	2	7	1	38-253	44
Bricklayers A	10	3	7	0	31-312	39
Meole Brace C	9	0	8	1	25-559	25

Division3

	P	W	L	D	GW Ag	P
Baschurch A	10	7	3	0	58+218	72
Whittington A	10	6	4	0	58+164	70
Ercall@ Bowring	10	7	3	0	50+41	64
Crescent	10	6	3	1	52 -35	64
Bricklayers B	10	4	6	0	51 -62	59
Battlefield B	10	4	5	1	47 -15	57
Corbet	9	4	4	1	48 -10	56
Criftins	9	4	5	0	45 -6	53
Reman Services	10	3	6	1	44 -26	52
Bayston Hill A	10	3	7	0	45-101	51
Llanymynech	10	4	6	0	42-168	50

Division 4

	P	W	L	D	GW Ag	P
District	9	7	2	0	62+353	76
Newport B	9	6	3	0	48+110	60
Bicton B	9	5	4	0	46 -18	56
Unison B	9	3	5	1	47+25	55
Dorrington	9	5	4	0	45+64	55
Meole Brace B	9	4	5	0	44+21	52
Pontesbury B	9	4	4	1	42 -65	51
Bagley B	9	3	5	1	40-143	47
Pontesbury A	9	3	5	1	40-182	46
Powbc B	9	3	6	0	36-165	42

Division 5

	P	W	L	D	GW Ag	P
Osbc B	8	7	0	1	56+315	71
Castlefields B	8	5	3	0	47+187	57
Hanwood B	8	4	4	0	43+38	51
Atcham A	8	4	2	2	41+25	51
Minsterley	8	3	3	2	39 -37	46
Worthen & Brock	7	4	2	1	35+37	45
Greenfields	8	4	4	0	32 -60	40
Prince Hotel B	8	0	8	0	31-266	31
Bagley C	7	1	6	0	25-239	27

Division 6

	P	W	L	D	GW Ag	P
Monkmoor B	8	7	1	0	51+190	65
Baschurch B	8	6	2	0	50+151	62
Bayston Hill B	8	5	3	0	47+110	57
Bagley A	8	5	3	0	41+40	51
Atcham B	7	5	1	1	40+122	50
Pontesbury C	8	3	4	1	39+84	47
Monkmoor A	7	2	5	0	30 -38	34
Oxon	8	1	7	0	31-187	33
Whittington B	8	0	8	0	21-472	21

Tanners Bowls League

Shropshire Division 1

	P	W	L	D	GW Ag	P
Hanwood	10	8	2	0	79+457	95
Telepost	11	8	3	0	75+155	91
Battlefield	11	6	5	0	69+51	81
Bricklayers	11	7	4	0	67+15	81
Prince Hotel	11	6	5	0	66 -7	78
Pontesbury	11	5	6	0	67+19	77
Castlefields	11	5	6	0	63+107	73
Ludlow Castle	10	5	5	0	60 +4	70
Craven Arms	11	4	7	0	62-246	70
Meole Brace	10	4	6	0	55 -33	63
OSBC	11	1	10	0	45-522	47

Shropshire Division 2

	P	W	L	D	GW Ag	P
Elephant & Cas	11	7	4	0	86+406	100
Reman Sentinel	11	9	2	0	82+253	100
Crescent	10	7	3	0	71+169	85
George	11	6	5	0	69+50	81
Bishops Castle	11	5	6	0	66 +7	76
Unison	11	7	4	0	61 -24	75
Church Club	10	5	5	0	62+15	73
Powbc	10	4	6	0	60+84	68
Prince Social	11	2	8	1	49-295	54
Bayston Hill	11	3	7	1	45-450	52
Whittington	9	2	7	0	45-215	48

Shropshire Division 3

	P	W	L	D	GW Ag	P
Frankwell	11	7	4	0	76+169	90
Bicton	11	7	4	0	74+137	88
Burway	11	5	6	0	72+193	82
Meole Village	11	6	5	0	68+28	80
Wem Usc	11	6	5	0	63 -12	76
Wem Bc	10	6	4	0	64+197	75
S'side St Julians	11	4	7	0	64-121	72
Hadnall	11	6	5	0	59 -72	71
Reman Services	11	4	7	0	63-105	71
Oxon	11	5	6	0	58-209	68
Oxon Village	11	4	7	0	59-205	67

Shropshire Division 4

	P	W	L	D	GW Ag	P
Greenfields Soc	10	9	1	0	94+718	112
St Oswalds	9	8	1	0	68+373	83
Worthen & Brock	10	6	4	0	69+124	82
Bagley	9	6	3	0	68+268	80
Corbet Arms	9	4	4	1	58+100	67
Monkmoor	10	4	6	0	56 -58	64
Minsterley	10	4	5	1	53 -99	62
Bicton Village	10	4	6	0	46-202	54
Severnside	10	2	8	0	41-413	45
Lythwood	9	0	9	0	23-811	23

JN Hughes Market Drayton & District Bowls League

Division 1

	P	W Pts
Hanmer A	120	862327
Adderley A	120	862271
Bridgewater A	120	692166
Malpas Spts A	120	662123
Woore A	120	622092
Prees A	120	512052
Childs Ercall A	120	522018
Audlem A	120	542010
Hanmer C	120	512003
Chester Rd A	120	531992
District A	120	421971
Nantwich Pk Rd A	120	481888

Division 2

	P	W Pts
A W C D	120	852286
Bridgewater B	120	712182
Con Club	120	662164
Ash A	120	642151
Malpas Fmrs A	120	642147
Adderley B	120	712145
Victoria A	120	542107
Cheswardine A	120	632073
Calverhall A	120	502030
Whixall A	120	582014
Chester Rd B	120	401839
Audlem C	120	341692

Division 3

	P	W Pts
Audlem B	110	662006
Prees B	110	621999
Hodnet A	110	641974
District B	110	601952
Malpas A	110	631900
Wrenbury A	110	551872
Hanmer D	110	481847
Cholmondeley A	110	511824
Wem A	110	451818
Wrenbury B	110	371749
Malpas Fmrs B	100	491713

Division 4

	P	W Pts
Norton In Hales A	110	682045
Malpas Spts B	110	641976
Prees C	110	611937
Tilstock B	110	581931
Whixall B	110	621875
P/Brockhurst	110	591872
Victoria B	110	541830
Joules Mkt Drayton	110	461813
Woore B	110	471731
Chester Rd C	110	391686
Nantwich Pk Rd B	100	421603

Division 5

	P	W Pts
Hodnet B	110	672005
Adderley C	110	632003
Childs Ercall B	110	711991
Wollerton A	110	591940
Whixall C	110	561864
Ash B	110	481837
District D	110	451832
Nantwich Pk Rd D	110	441799
Tilstock A	110	471797
Prees E	100	541792
Hanmer B	110	461786

Division 6

	P	W Pts
Calverhall B	100	691876
Bridgewater C	100	661875
Malpas Fmrs C	100	531790
Cholmondeley B	100	571772
Cheswardine B	100	561759
Wollerton B	100	451669
Norton In Hales B	100	421624
Adderley D	100	421590
Wrenbury C	100	351529
Audlem D	100	351500

Division 7

	P	W Pts
Wrenbury D	100	731927
Ash C	100	691845
Prees D	100	591755
Victoria C	100	511710
Chester Rd D	100	501639
Cholmondeley C	100	431633
Whixall D	100	491604
Nantwich Pk Rd C	100	381536
Calverhall C	100	421519
Malpas B	100	261428

Osprey Water Management Market Drayton Senior Citizens Bowls

Division 1

	P	W Pts
Adderley A	104	872085
Con Club A	104	641924
Wem A	104	571849
Ash A	104	561844
Victoria A	104	581827
Audlem A	104	511821
Woore A	104	591804
Adderley B	104	541768
Cheswardine	104	461679
Slaters A	104	451656
Joules MD	104	421648
Norton In Hales A	104	421644
Audlem B	104	371602
Calverhall B	104	301550

Division 2

	P	W Pts
Prees	104	752013
Wem B	104	611948
Victoria B	104	671917
Tilstock	104	621835
Con Club B	104	621831
Wollerton	104	571808
Woore B	104	511686
Nantwich Barony	104	481663
Slaters B	104	411663
Ash B	104	451651
Adderley C	104	441641
Norton In Hales B	104	431641
Calverhall A	104	351637
Victoria C	104	371495

Newport Pool League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stag MDrayton	34	31	1	2	167	37	63
LSC @ Tavern	34	25	7	2	147	57	55*
Newport Legion	34	23	8	3	142	62	54
King's Head A	34	21	9	4	128	76	51
Pheasant A	34	20	7	7	126	78	47
Horns Gnosall	34	16	7	11	110	94	39
Honeysuckle	34	15	10	9	119	85	38*
Shakespeare A	34	17	4	13	116	88	38
Railway Tavern	34	13	6	15	99	105	32
Pheasant B	34	12	8	14	99	105	32
King's Head B	34	11	6	17	86	118	28
Haberdashers	34	10	7	17	88	116	27
Navigation	34	8	8	18	82	122	22*
Junction B	34	7	9	18	80	124	22
Junction A	34	8	6	20	77	127	22
Wheatsheaf	34	5	10	19	72	132	20
Royal Navy Club	34	2	5	27	52	152	9
Shakespeare B	34	0	6	28	45	159	6

*Honeysuckle, Navigation and LSC deducted two points for missing fixture

Plate League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shakespeare A	17	10	2	5	60	42	22
Haberdashers	17	8	4	5	52	50	20
King's Head B	17	7	1	9	44	58	15
Junction B	17	4	5	8	43	59	13
Navigation	17	3	5	9	39	63	11
Junction A	17	3	3	11	39	63	9
Wheatsheaf	17	2	4	11	31	71	8
Royal Navy Club	17	2	2	13	29	73	6
Shakespeare B	17	0	3	14	21	81	3

Marston's Newport Summer Darts

	P	W	D	L	F/A	P
Honeysuckle B	9	9	0	0	+62	92
Railway Tavern	9	7	0	2	+39	82
Honeysuckle A	9	6	1	2	+38	81
Swan	9	6	2	1	+36	79
Ozzy's B	9	2	2	5	-2	62
King's Head	9	4	0	5	+1	61
Ozzy's A	9	4	0	5	-4	60
Shropshire	9	3	0	6	-25	49
Honeysuckle C	9	1	1	7	-68	26
Shakespeare	9	0	0	9	-77	22

Clee Hill Quoits League

Colliers 6 Kremlin 2, C M Social 2.5 T H Shoes 5.5, Wanderers 4 Eagle 4, Cross 7.5 Burway 0.5, Bell 6 Rams 2

	P	W	L	F	Pts
Cross	12	11	1	70.5	22
T H Shoes	12	10	1	71.5	21
Colliers	12	9	3	64.0	18
Wanderers	12	7	2	61.0	17
Eagle	12	4	4	47.5	12
Burway	11	4	5	40.5	10
Bell	11	4	6	39.0	9
C M Social	12	1	8	32.0	5
Kremlin	12	0	10	24.5	2
Rams	12	0	10	20.0	2

Tom's terrific ton is just the job for Pool

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

TOM Anderson's excellent century saw Welshpool take the honours in emphatic fashion in their Powys derby with Montgomery in the Shropshire Cricket League division two.

Put in to bat at Maesydre, Pool prospered with Anderson providing the platform by hitting 103 to help his side post 232-7 in 45 overs – and Monty then slumped to just 81 all out in reply to suffer a 151-run beating

The 24 points lifted Welshpool up to fourth spot, and above Monty in the table, and will put them in good heart for Saturday's home clash with Wellington III as they bid to keep up the good work. Monty will hope to bounce back at home to Bishop's Castle.

Opener Roger Knight also made 39, featuring in a 171-run stand for the third wicket with Anderson, while Russell Cadwallader, who was captain for the day, chipped in with 21 with the bat. Aaron Ruff-cock took 3-52 from 13 overs.

Despite 20 from Tim Davies, Montgomery struggled in reply before being sent back for 81 in the 30th over, Joe Monk taking 4-25 while there were two wickets apiece for Robert Anderson and Rob Pengelly.

WELSHPOOL II remain in basement danger in the reserve division two after suffering a seven wicket reverse at their Wroxeter Grove counterparts.

Put in to bat, they crumbled to 61 all out, with the only resistance coming from captain Adam Knight who made 44 at the top of the order. The next highest contribution with the bat was just three in an innings that contained five ducks with Ian Ramsay taking 4-19.

Wroxeter then knocked off the runs inside eight overs, Nick Benwell crashing a quick fire 39 not out while there were two wickets for Tom Bowen (2-24).

Losing draw

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY had to settle for a losing draw – and 10 points – in their home clash with Allscott in the Shropshre League division one.

A fine unbeaten 107 from Jason Allen, including two sixes and 14 fours, helped Allscott to 212-7 in 50 overs, Ashley Sokaloo the most successful of the bowlers with 3-40 and Hugh Morris taking 2-44.

Knockin were lagging in reply despite opener Steven Gray hitting 41, Wayne Phillips taking 5-58.

However, an unbeaten 65-run stand for the last wicket between Morris (40no) and Jamie Jagger (20no) at least defined the visitors to ensure their side gained a losing draw.

Knockin's third string secured an exciting four wicket win against Cound III in which they scored the winning run off the last ball in their division fourA clash.

Cound posted 181-8 after winning the toss, David Ogden taking 3-41, before the home side timed their run chase perfectly with skipper Robert Oliver making 50 and Shane Moses 40.

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY IV went down by 34 runs at Acton Reynald in division five, being bowled out for 101 in response to 135.

Graeme Hughes (43) and Stephen Bullin (41) dominated the Reynald innings, while Eric Heath picked up 6-53 and Daniel Morris 4-28 to take the bowling honours for the visitors.

Tom Hughes made 36 in reply, but there were a constant stream of wickets as Knockin fell short as Steve France bagged 4-8.

Ladies side net a first win against champions

OSWESTRY Tennis Club's ladies teams are certainly on a roll at the moment as they maintained their winning ways in the Shropshire League.

The first team travelled across the county to play the current division one champions Bridgnorth where they have never registered a win.

The first pair of Jo Macrae and Kat Oakley started off with a steady and powerful win against the Bridgnorth first pair while second pair Eirian Lloyd-Jones and Flo Malherbe had an impressive victory over Bridgnorth's second.

Macrae and Oakley had a very competitive game just losing out in the third set deciding tie break but the stars proved to be Lloyd-Jones and Malherbe who came out triumphant against the Bridgnorth first pair giving the Oswestry ladies their first ever victory and seven points against the league champions.

The ladies second team played their final fixture of the summer league season away at Hollies Tennis Club Whitchurch, and sealed a win that saw them clinch promotion back to division four.

The men's first team played at Norton-In-Hales in Division 5 (N) and managed to pull off a victory on sets won to pick up another valuable six points on grass.

It was a very tight call with the unfamiliar surface causing the team some problems. The first pair of Gary Edwards and Matt Grice were able to win both their rubbers with the second pair of Saffron Rainey and Ciaran Moran losing out on both their rubbers on third set deciding tie breaks, however, their sets won was enough.

Lammie has spring in step after hat-trick

FRANKTON kept their noses in front at the top of the Shropshire League premier division after getting the better of a draw with Wroxeter Grove at Hardwick Park.

The league leaders rattled up 274-6 in 50 overs after being put in to bat, Tom Welti cracking 82, while Alex Owen finished on 58 not out.

Stuart Lammie then bagged a hat-trick for Frankton but Wroxeter dug deep to ensure a draw as they finished on 243-8.

Frankton's second team suffered a seven wicket loss to Beacon after being bowled out for 102 in their reserve division one clash.

And there was also a defeat for **FRANKTON III** who slipped to a seven wicket loss to Worfield after only managing 110 having been asked to bat first.

They were soon in trouble at 26-6 following some fine bowling from Worfield`s James White (5-28).

After two breaks for rain they managed to make it to three figures, but Worfield made it to their target.

Ellesmere in real struggle with the bat

ELLESMERE lost ground on the leading pack in Shropshire League division two after being bundled out for just 58 against Shrewsbury III.

Put in to bat at Shrewsbury College (SCAT), Ellesmere were soon in trouble as batsmen succumbed at regular intervals.

The home side edged over the line with four wickets in hand despite the efforts of Fraser Duncan (3-18) and Ashley Thomas (2-20).

It was also a disappointing day for **ELLESMERE II** whose challenge in the reserve division three suffered a blow as they slumped by nine wickets at home to Iscoyd & Fenns Bank.

Batting first, they were sent back for 156, the main resistance coming through Troy Newton's fine 91 before Iscoyd eased to their target.

Parry celebrates Polish second

Tom Cave and Craig Parry celebrate the runner-up finish at the Polish Rally

WELSH rally driver Tom Cave moved up to third in the Drive DMACK Fiesta Trophy after finishing runner-up in the second round at Rally Poland, **writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.**

Cave and Oswestry based co-driver Craig Parry had been battling for the lead over the entire weekend and lost out by just 10.8 seconds as the battle went down to Sunday's final stage.

After demonstrating his speed on the opening round of the Trophy in May, Cave continued as one of the series favourites – setting a hat-trick of fastest stage times over the weekend. Such was his consistency and pace, he finished in the top-three on 14 of the 17 competitive stages.

The 23-year-old from Aberdovey used his experience of the ultra-fast conditions from last season and quickly settled into a strong pace as he battled against some of the world's top young rally drivers.

He found his Ford Fiesta R2 was a little soft for the opening loop of stages on Friday morning, which ran close to the Russian border in the far north of Poland. But, after making some adjustments, he was quickly on the front-running pace and aiming for the top spot.

He quickly overhauled Norwegian driver Marius Aasen by mid-day service on Saturday and opened up a lead.

However, on the last main stage of the day, he dropped back to second. With no breeze in the air, he faced severe patches of hanging dust and backed off rather than risk making a mistake.

With just two stages to run, he pushed but ended up settling for second. The result edges him up the leader-board in the race for the biggest prize in rallying – a fully paid season in 2016.

This weekend's event was based in the town of Mikołajki set in the middle of the picturesque Masurian Lake District in the north-east of Poland. The soft, sandy roads saw some crazy speeds with blind crests and high-commitment corners.

The rally suited Cave's driving style. He grew up rallying in Latvia from the early age of 15 and was quickly at home on the smooth gravel.

Round three sees the series move to Finland for one of the most iconic rallies in the world. Neste Oil Rally Finland is a high-speed rollercoaster event and will see the crew battle on some of the most demanding stages in the series.

"It's been an excellent event and I'm very pleased with the result but obviously a little disappointed," said Cave.

Golf returns from your local club

HENLLE PARK

Lomax Shield: D McConaghy & H Price 46pts; S Heathcock & J Harris 46pts (CB); J Ruth & J Parks 44pts. **Mid Week 9 Hole Comp:** J Parry 20pts (CB); T Evans 20pts; J M Evans 20pts. **Club Stableford Division 1:** D McConaghy 40pts; R Clark 40pts (CB); P Price 38pts. **Division 2:** J Price 37pts; R Hutton 35pts; R Collins 31pts. **Lady Captain's Day:** A Brown 40pts; B Edwards 37pts; T Gleave 36pts.

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Lady Captain's Day - Lady Guest: L Winslow 30pts. Gents Guest : M Ferrett 35pts. Junior Girl: L Weetman 18pts. Junior Boys: A Clewlow 22pts; J Jones 20pts. NTP Gents: K Davies. NTP Ladies: P Worden.

Gents 9 Hole Comp: S Meredith 22pts (OCB); G Evans 22pts. Past Captains: M Jones 70 net (c/b). Division 1: R Pritchard 71 net; A Holmes 72 net; C Bickford 73 net (c/b). Division 2: C Wilkinson 67 net; S McMahon 70 net; J Willan 72 net. Division 3: C Thomas 68 net; G Roberts 69 net (c/b); B Groffiths 69 net. Best Gross: A Weetman 80.

Lady Captain's Prize Winner: R Griffiths 65 net. Ladies Am-Am Open: S Ord, M Beckett, D Davies & S Pugh 90pts; J Shegold, J Sandford, J Preece & L Petford 88pts; R Moor, A Hinton, R Morgan & C Griffiths 86pts.

Mary Roberts Salver (Club Championship) Winner: C Griffiths 77 Gross. Runner-up: A Weetman 79 Gross.

Pant Bowl (Best Net) Winner: K Andrew 66 net. Runner-up: L Cookson 68 net.

MILE END

Wednesday Social: B Moody 24pts; R Osborne 22pts; M Pierce 20pts.

Medal Division 1: R Grindley 77-11-66; D Thomas 77-10-67; B Hampson 74-7-67. Division 2: M Ryan 81-17-64; A Hoyles 82-16-66; G Evans 84-18-66. Division 3: B Jones 89-21-68; P Austin 91-22-69; B Power 91-21-70.

Captain's Day - Captain's Shield: C Wildblood 43pts; D Smith 43pts (c/b); B Hunter 42pts. Captains Guest (Member): K Evans 40pts. Captains Guest (Non-Member): J Bellingham 33pts.

Men's 14 Hole Event: B Power 36pts.

Neil Garrett Trophy (Gross): J Thornell & D Roberts 67. Runners Up: S Henderson & J Davies 70. Winners (Nett): C Arnyes & P Austin 58. Runners-up: G Evans & K Parry 58.

Ladies Medal Division 1: S Robson 86-18-68; S Russell 83-14-69; A Bailey 94-21-73. Division 2: J Bennett 93-28-65; A Walley 104-33-71; M Holmes 95-24-71.

Lady Captain's Day - Captain's Shield Winner: J Turner 35pts. Ladies 14 Hole Event: J Bennett 33pts; A Eke 29pts.

Open Winners: C Good & E Hopton 45pts. Runners Up: M Holmes & J Willett 44pts.

Seniors Jack Jones Shield: B Davies 40pts; W Murray 40pts; A Hoyles 39pts.

Open: M Ascroft & T Darlington (Aldersey Green) 50pts; B Harding & Terry Yale 50pts; J Turner & T Cartwright 50pts; R Roberts & K Jones (Clays) 48pts; J Bradford & P Le Wan 48pts.

OSWESTRY

Ladies Millennium Trophy 4BBB Medal 18 Holes: S Evans & H Whiting net 68; P Davies & S Watanabe net 70 (c/b); M M Evans & C Bradley net 70. 9 Holes 4BBB: D Jones & V Griffiths 18pts.

Yapp takes five as Glas take a draw

CAE GLAS toiled in the sun to eventually force a losing draw against basement club Much Wenlock as their slide continued in the Shropshire League division two.

Wenlock's openers crafted a century stand, with Mark Brown (92) and Stuart Walters (40) in fine form.

Skipper Keith Yapp began the fightback with 5-45 but Wenlock closed on an imposing 223-7.

The Glas reply never got going and needed a solid, yet patient, innings of 40 not out from Gareth Edgerton to avoid defeat as they closed on 115-7, a result that left the Oswestry men third from bottom in the table.

There were better fortunes for **CAE GLAS II** who profited from dropped catches as they sealed a four wicket win at Shelton II in the reserve division two.

Put in to bat, Shelton were dismissed for 159 as wickets tumbled in the last 15 overs.

The home side had their chances in the field but were left to rue their dropped catches as Simon Wood went on to make 65 in the successful Cae Glas run chase.

Morda Road men slip up in run chase

ALL the good work Oswestry had put in at Attock the previous week was undone when they crashed to an 85-run defeat against Barnards Green to slip to third from bottom in the Birmingham League division one.

Oswestry lost their last four wickets without scoring a run in the clash at Morda Road as they collapsed from 210-4 to 223 all out in pursuit of the visitors' mammoth total of 308-7.

Barnards Green piled on the runs after electing to bat, with skipper George Rhodes – son of Worcestershire director of cricket Steve – leading the way.

Rhodes hit a stylish 98, falling just two short of the century he deserved when Matt Gregson had him caught by Dan Bowen at mid-wicket.

The other batsmen gave Rhodes good support, with Josh Tongue smashing 47 off just 20 balls towards the end of the innings.

Robbie Clarke was the most successful Oswestry bowler with 2-44 off 11 overs.

Alex Huxley and Warrick Fynn got the Oswestry reply off to a flying start, and while they were still together there was a chance of a home victory.

Fynn fell for 48 with the score on 91, and Michael Johnson (29) and Jonathan Miles (27) kept up the momentum.

But once Huxley was out, caught on the boundary for 91, the writing was on the wall.

The two points awarded if they had held out for a draw would have kept them in ninth place in division one of the Birmingham League, but even that was beyond them – and they slipped to third from bottom.

OSWESTRY II kept up their title challenge in the 2nd XI League (N) with a comfortable five-wicket victory in the North Shropshire derby at Whitchurch.

Elliott Bowen took 5-46 against his old club and Adam Lloyd 2-48 as Whitchurch were bowled out for 151.

Opener Josh Kirk then played a key role in the Oswestry chase, hitting 59no to see the side through to 152-5 in the 43rd over. Skipper Josh Coleridge weighed in with 29.

A fine all-round performance by James O'Reilly wasn't enough to save **OSWESTRY III** from a four-wicket defeat at Calverhall in the Shropshire League division three.

O'Reilly hit 55 as Oswestry were bowled out for 157, with Iwan Roberts adding 21 and Richard Jones 20.

Calverhall replied with 159-6, with O'Reilly taking 4-58 and Alex Roberts 2-17

OSWESTRY IV'S last pair Alan Morris and John Hartshorn stayed together to foil Market Drayton II at Morda Road on Sunday.

Drayton hammered 241-3 off their 35 overs, before Oswestry settled for a losing draw on 186-9 in their reserve division three encounter.

Top scorers for the home side were Dan Renwick (49), Jack Graniger (44), Dan Graham (29) and Pete Holloway (25).

■ The second half of the season begins this weekend, with Oswestry making the trip to high-flying Walsall (noon).

The seconds are at home to Fordhouses II (12.30pm), while the thirds visit Iscoyd and Fenns Bank (1.30pm).

The fourths take on Iscoyd and Fenns Bank II at

Junior T20 final defeat for Oswestry

OSWESTRY III's terrific run in the Lynx Shropshire Junior Slam T20 competition took them within a whisker of the title – but they had to settle for the runners-up spot after an agonising defeat against Wheaton Aston in the final.

Nick Woodcock, who had led the side in all the rounds of the competition, saw his side lose by just seven runs in an exciting game at Cound.

Wheaton Aston, having been asked to bat, ran up 143-4 in their 20 overs, with Adam Woodcock taking 3-46. Owen Johnson, Alex Roberts and James O'Reilly all bowled tidy four-over spells.

Oswestry got off to a great start in reply, with Michael O'Reilly hitting a fine 53 and brother James weighing in with 24, but they closed on 136-6.

Ellesmere boosted by fine draw on the road

ELLESMERE B are looking a good bet for promotion from division two of the Oswestry Bowling League after staying in sight of the leaders with a finely fought 5-5 draw at Criftins C.

Mike Edwards won 21-11, but could not stop Criftins from shading the aggregate by 11 shots (150-139) with Carl Dulson (21-7) the best of the home replies.

Ellesmere are now just seven points off the pace, and certainly have power to add after proving such a force on home soil.

Another of the promotion chasers, WESTON RHYN A, maintained their challenge with a crushing 9-1 (162-99) success against visiting Llangynog A.

Rhyn proved too hot to handle on home surrounds with Pip Penrose and Sue Taylor both winning to seven, while Andy Riley and captain Brian Oakley were also in good form with 21-8 victories.

LLANRHAEADR A flexed their muscles at home with an 8-2 (149-115) beating of CHURCH B to make up ground on the leaders.

Steve Jones (21-2) and Emyr Roberts (21-4) turned in fine single figure wins while captain Emrys Jones (21-8) and Merv Weaver (21-15) replied.

LLANYMYNECH A ran out 7-3 winners against visiting YE OLDE CROFTE A, taking the aggregate by nine shots (142-133).

Henry Pugh set up the win for Llany when prevailing 21-11, and Paula Worden continued her winning form to 16, while Paul Edwards notched an emphatic 21-2 success in reply.

GEORGE crashed 9-1 (167-137) at home to Johnstown B, their consolation coming from Merv Roberts who won 21-20.

In division one, CHURCH A got back to winning ways with a 7-3 (148-129) home victory against Overton A, Martin Jones and Ade Humphreys both winning to nine.

Looking to climb clear of basement danger in the first division, WHITTINGTON A picked up a useful four points with their 6-4 (142-126) loss at Corwen A. Aled Davies led the way with a 21-6 verdict, and Ben Hampson won to 12.

CRIFTINS A swept aside bottom club Cynwyd A 8-2 (154-109) to stay in sight of the leaders, Gary Wilkie storming to a 21-4 win while Dave Edwards and Terry Thompson both prevailed to eight.

Johnstown A continue to fly high after overcoming Chirk A 7-3 (141-130) while second placed Ceiriog Valley A sounded a title warning in the top flight with a 9-1 (159-116) thrashing of Ruabon A.

Next Tuesday's fixtures

Division one: Cynwyd A v Llangollen A, Criftins A v Church A, Chirk A v Corwen A, Flexsys A v Ruabon A, Overton A v Johnstown A, Whittington A v Ceiriog Valley A.

Division two: Llangynog A v George, Weston Rhyn A v Criftins C, Ye Olde Crofte A v Llanrhaeadr A, Johnstown B v Criftins B, Ellesmere B v Llanymynech A, Church B v Ellesmere A.

Late strike sends Saints Wilde

B36 Torshavn 1 The New Saints 2

THE New Saints put themselves firmly in the driving seat after Mike Wilde's last gasp strike earned a 2-1 first leg victory away at B36 Torshavn in the UEFA Champions League first qualifying round.

The night had started badly against the Faroe Islanders with the Saints falling behind to Hans Samuelsen's seventh minute opener, but they hit back to earn parity through Scott Quigley just two minutes later.

The Saints had the better chances but had to wait until the last minute when Wilde pounced to clinch a valuable win to put them in charge for the second leg.

Manager Craig Harrison was delighted by the victory, his team's first in the Champions League since 2011, while it was the Welsh treble winning side's first away success in the competition.

"We thoroughly deserved the win," said the TNS boss. "It was an open game – a bit too open for my liking sometimes as the away team – but we had another two or three opportunities to maybe score more goals. But to be fair, our goalkeeper Paul Harrison, after about 70 minutes, has made a great save from a counter-attack.

"We'll be going into the home leg to win it. Obviously B36 have got to come out and have got to score, but I'd back us to score at least a goal at home.

"We've got a lot of pace and quality in our team and we're very good on the counter-attack."

Saints forward Adrian Cieslewicz, a former Torshavn player, took the honours in the sibling rivalry after getting the better of his elder brother Lukasz, who plays for the Faroese champions.

TNS had been stunned after just seven minutes when Samuelsen fired in after the visitors had failed to deal with a throw-in.

But the Welsh Premier champions hit back just two minutes later with Quigley converting from close range. The Saints finished strongly and Wilde produced a neat finish following a pass from Chris Seargeant.

Mike's treble puts TNS on the march

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

MIKE WILDE'S hat-trick steered The New Saints into the second qualifying round of the UEFA Champions League with a dominant second leg success over B36 Torshavn at Park Hall.

Leading 2-1 from the first leg – their first away victory in the Champions League – the Saints completed the job with a minimum of fuss as two early goals from Wilde put the Oswestry side in charge.

The club's top scorer, who netted a late winner the week before, carried on where he left off with a brace in the first 26 minutes as the visiting Faroe Islanders laboured.

Wilde wrapped up his hat-trick early in the second period to put the Welsh Premier champions firmly on course for the next round where they will host Hungarian outfit Videoton FC next Tuesday.

Substitute Matty Williams made it 4-0, before Lukasz Cieslewicz netted a late consolation, but it failed to take the shine off a fine night for TNS who won both legs of a Champions League tie for the first time.

The Saints set the tempo from the first whistle, with Wilde heading over the bar from Sam Finley's cross.

Competitive

And they were ahead on 15 minutes when Wilde fired home after Adrian Cieslewicz's cross into the box from the right had left keeper Torour Thomsen in no man's land.

Wilde headed against the bar moments later as the Saints scented more goals in their first competitive game on their newly laid 4G surface. And the tie was effectively over as a contest on 26 minutes as Wilde broke through the defence before placing his shot past a hesitant keeper.

Torshavn offered little, apart from some crunching challenges, as TNS called the tune with Wilde denied a hat-trick when Thomsen kept out his point-blank header after excellent work along the flank from Cieslewicz.

Just two minutes after half-time, however, Wilde completed his hat-trick from Simon Spender's pull-back.

Finley spurned a golden chance on the break when putting the ball wide with Scott Quigley unmarked as the home side looked a constant threat.

Substitute Matty Williams rounded off some neat play involving Spender and Greg Draper to make it 4-0 on the night. Although Lukasz Cieslewicz – brother of TNS winger Adrian Cieslewicz – was gifted a reply late on, Craig Harrison's side will be confident about sterner tests ahead.

Mike Wilde slips the ball home for The New Saints' second goal of the night against B36 Torshavn in the Champions League and (below) after opening the scoring at Park Hall. *Pictures: Laura Dutfield.*

Harrison is riding high with win in summer hilly

SIMON Harrison found the course to his liking in riding to a fine win as Oswestry Paragon Cycling Club hosted their traditional mid-summer hilly 19.

A warm and sunny evening and the added draw of scoring points in the inter-club SB Sports Injuries and Physiotherapy series meant that 24 riders took to the line for the race that added a trip to Ellesmere onto the usual Queens Head-Gobowen course.

And it was Harrison of Mid Shropshire Wheeler who took the victory in an excellent time of 44 minutes 41 seconds.

Experiencing the course for the first time he commented: "I loved the course, but it was really leg sapping at times. The only downside was the traffic, but it was the same for all riders."

Harrison took the win from a rider new to the Series, from Colin Elgie, who not only helped himself to the runner-up spot overall with a great effort of 45:39 - but also won the Veteran's contest too in +5:24.

The Oswestry Peloton rider has started to make a name for himself in Oswestry Paragon club events, but here took on a good mix of all comers to prove himself against.

"I felt quite good going into the ride," he said. "I've had a few good results recently and this has helped my confidence. A good field turned up."

Jason Harland of Wrekin sport was placed third on the evening in 46:20. Harland saw off the attentions of Nova Raiders' Ed Middleton by 23 seconds there was tie for fifth with Wrekinsport's Alex Leek and Paramount's Gary Duncan both finishing in 46:57.

The competition is also worth double points in the Oswestry Paragon point's series and it was Neil Coles who took advantage of the course he created to come home in 47:30 for seventh place ahead of Hafren CC's Ian Coe (47:50)

Oswestry Paragon riders had a hard fought battle with Steve Davies and Neil Parry both finishing on 54:08 and Darrell Walsh was just two seconds further back (54:10).Tony Parry finished in 55:35 and Bruce Selby in 55:36.

In the Ladies competition it was another first time entrant who made an immediate impression with Paramount's Ceris Eslava grabbing victory in 53:39 ahead of Oswestry Paragon's Helen Tudor (56:36).

Fifteen riders also rode the 10 mile event with a 1-2-3 for Fibrax Wrexham RC. Fastest was Howard Lewis in 21:07 with teammate Darren White crossing the line in 22:22, but it was Becky Lewis who produced the ride of the night with 23:31, slashing over two minutes off the ladies course record.

Adam Riley was fastest Paragon rider in 25:57, just ahead of teammate Krishan Patel-Smith (26:03).

Zolman hits heights but Ifton beaten

RICHARD Zolman again impressed for Ifton with another man of the match display – but his efforts could not prevent the St Martins side from suffering a 9-3 (223-174) loss at Burway in the Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowls League.

His 21-4 beating of Len Lewis was the best result of the night for the visitors, as well as earning him the most valuable player honour.

But for most part it was tough going for Ifton whose two other wins came from Nicky Jones, who overcame Jolyon Partridge 21-14, and Darren Lacey who was a 21-16 winner against Kev Dovey.

Skipper Dicky Jones went close to another win but was edged out 21-20 to Josh Partridge while Brian Hayes succumbed to 17 as Ifton lost ground on the leading pack.

The St Martins side are back on home soil on Friday night when they welcome St Georges – who lie a couple of places above in fourth spot – as they look to get back to winning ways.

Black Lion roar to another fine win

BOWLS by John Bridgwater

BLACK LION are roaring in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division three following a 7-3 (146-129) home victory over promotion chasing Whittington B.

Mike Hardy led the way to seven, with Mick Hall a 21-11 winner, while Ann Blake (21-8) was the best for the visitors who are now up to fifth in the table.

FOX LANE remain five points clear at the top of division four despite their 6-4 (144-132) loss at Ceriog Valley C.

Mike Flanagan (21-7) maintained his rich vein of form, landing his team's only single figure success to keep him top of the fourth division averages, with 11 wins and one defeat.

LLANFYLLIN A swept aside **LLANRHAEADR C** 9-1 (157-92) to leap over their visitors in the table, Sue Samaraweera taking the coppers to four while Basil Davies and Hughie Jones both won to nine. Mel Jones (21-10) bagged the lone reply for the visitors.

Third bottom **CHURCH C** slumped 9-1 (166-107) at Llangollen B, Garth Tudor (21-19) returning with their consolation.

LLANRHAEADR B kept in touching distance of the leading pack in division five after sweeping aside Royston B 8-2 (147-103), Derek Saunders rattling up an emphatic 21-2 win and Gwylfa Edwards prevailing 21-8.

IFTON made it 10 wins out of 10 as they marched on a the top of division six with an 8-2 (160-91) romp against Whittington D.

The Metalfe family again made their mark with Curtis winning to five, Ian and Courtney both to eight, while Oliver Jones (21-6) was another single figure winner. Alicia Hardy (21-16) bagged one of Whittington's two responses.

Results

Division two: Criftins C 5 Ellesmere B 5 (150-133)

Division three: Ruabon B 3 (123) Bersham 7 (139), Johnstown D 8 (155) Ceiriog Valley B 2 (96), Royston A 6 (137) Chirk B 4 (135), Plas Kynaston A 10 (168) Johnstown C 0 (70), Whittington E 9 (155) Weston Rhyn C 1 (72), Black Lion 7 (146) Whittington B 3 (129).

Division four: Llangollen B 9 (166) Church C 1 (107), Ceiriog Valley C (144) Fox Lane 4 (132), Llanfyllin A 9 (157) Llanrhaeadr C 1 (92), Llangynog C 8 (148) Overton B 2 (122), Llanymynech B 8 (154) Plas Kynaston B 2 (103).

Division five: Llanrhaeadr B 8 (147) Royston B 2 (103), Overton C 8 (160) Chirk C 2 (142), Ye Olde Crofte B 5 (133) Llanrhaeadr D 5 (137), Cynwyd B 10 (168) Weston Rhyn B 9 (104).

Division six: Church E 2 (126) Criftins D 8 (155), Llanfyllin B 8 (139) Cynwyd C 2 (134), Llanrhaeadr E 5 (140) Llangynog B 5 (145), Weston Rhyn D 8 (148) Llanymynech C 2 (102), Ifton 8 (160) Whittington D 2 (91).

Waterloo's top man Litchfield joins the Daffs

RICKY Litchfield, last season's player of the season with Waterloo Rovers, has joined Spar Mid Wales League division one rivals Llanidloes Town.

Montgomery and ex-Berriew forward Elliot Jones also looks to be heading to the Daffs, with both players scoring in the 5-3 friendly win against club Penyffordd.

Meanwhile, over £13,000 has been handed out to a dozen sport organisations across the county, with Powys County Council announcing big awards for Montgomeryshire.

The grants are designed to make a difference to sport and physical activity locally and are available through the Sportlot Community Chest, the Sports Council for Wales National Lottery funded grant aid scheme.

Among those to benefit are Berriew FC who received £1,400 towards coach education and equipment, and Hafren Cycling Club who were awarded £1,500 towards coach education.

Sport

Rally

Driver Parry second in Poland – P46

Cricket

Ton-up Tom is the main man – P46

Consistency eludes the cricketers

OSWESTRY'S cricketers hope the second half of the season can bring more consistency as they look to climb the Birmingham League division one table.

Having beaten Attock the previous week, the Morda Road side stalled with an 85-run defeat against Barnards Green to slip to third from bottom in the league and looking over their shoulders at the two basement sides.

Had they held out for a draw, the extra couple of points would have kept Oswestry ninth in a congested table.

Defeat summed up a fluctuating first phase of the campaign, with fine displays interspersed with some disappointing losses.

So Oswestry will be keen to start the second half in winning fashion on Saturday when they visit one of the division's big guns, Walsall, who themselves will be smarting after a nine-wicket drubbing against Old Hill.

Despite that, the fancied West Midlands side remain third and look well placed to challenge for promotion.

"To my mind, Walsall are the best side in the league," said club chairman Mike Robinson. "But last week's result shows even they can also have their moments.

"We have played quite well at times. We've already won more games than last season, but it's a close league and we can't seem to pull away.

Confident

"I was impressed with Barnards Green, they batted really well, but we looked as though we would keep them down to 250. Even so we had a great start, and in the end it was disappointing that we did not at least get a draw."

After the four-wicket win against Attock the week before, Oswestry were in confident mood. But their bowlers were made to toil, with the visitors racking up 308-7 as George Rhodes – son of Worcestershire director of cricket Steve Rhodes – made 98.

However, Oswestry looked well placed for at least a draw after making a terrific start in reply before collapsing from 210-4 to 223 all out.

Warrick Fynn, who hit a century the week before, fell for 48 with the score on 91, and Michael Johnson (29) and Jonathan Miles (27) kept up the momentum.

But once opener Alex Huxley was caught on the boundary for 91, the writing was on the wall.

Meanwhile, Oswestry's Joe Clarke continues to shine at Worcestershire with a second half-century. The 19-year-old made 70 in the County Championship against Hampshire.

Tennis club gearing up for 90th birthday

AS part of the celebrations to mark its 90th birthday this year, Oswestry Tennis Club is holding a special "Twenties" tournament on Sunday, July 19.

Players will use wooden racquets and soft balls, which will be provided, and to get into the spirit of the event, those taking part are being asked to dress in twenties style clothing, such as long white trousers or skirts.

This is not compulsory but a prize will be awarded to the best turned out player.

Aces aiming for Wimbledon

Hattie Leslie-Miller

Matthew Campbell

TWO young tennis stars are hoping to follow in the footsteps of Andy Murray and Serena Williams by playing at Wimbledon this summer.

Hattie Leslie-Miller, 12, and 11-year-old Matthew Campbell won a club tournament at Oswestry Team Tennis to secure their places in the Shropshire Road to Wimbledon Finals which will be held on Sunday.

County event winners then go on to represent Shropshire at the National Road to Wimbledon Finals held over a week in August at the All England Club.

Both started playing mini-tennis at the age of four, and have progressed to the full game.

Leslie-Miller, who has a current LTA ranking of 9.1, said: "It would be a dream come true to play at Wimbledon as both my dad and my grandfather played there.

"I've been playing for Shropshire for the last three years, and my greatest achievement was getting a gold medal at tennis in the Much Wenlock Legacy Olympic games in 2014."

Campbell, who has a ranking of 7.1, has played for Shropshire in the national finals under-10 boys, coming fourth, and recently won the under-14 Flintshire Open in Mold.

He said: "What I like about tennis is that it is a competitive sport and that you learn a lot by losing as well as winning."

TNS ENJOY A WILDE NIGHT

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

MIKE Wilde savoured his hat-trick as The New Saints eased into the second qualifying round of the UEFA Champions League with a 4-1 hammering of B36 Torshavn at Park Hall.

The striker became only the second Welsh Premier player to score three times in a European tie, with his four goals over the two legs sealing a comfortable 6-2 aggregate win.

In the next round, TNS will face Hungarian side Videoton FC, with the first leg at home next Tuesday.

"First and foremost the performance was what we wanted and the goals were a bonus," said Wilde. "Even to grab one in the Champions League is fantastic, but to get three is special.

"We started really well, were on the front foot with good momentum. We had a plan, we had a remit and the lads stuck to it and got the reward – and now we go on to the next phase.

"I hope I get to keep the ball, so I'm going to have to ask someone to grab that for me as it would be good to keep that as a memento.

Delighted

"We've had big games before against Liverpool and Man City, and I was involved in those with TNS, and this is also up there as it was not just the occasion, but getting the result as well."

Boss Craig Harrison was naturally delighted after his side won both legs of a Champions League tie for the first time, and was quick to praise the behind the scenes staff as well as the players.

"It's an amazing feeling winning both legs of a Champions League round with TNS, and has got to be right up there, if not the best, of my football career," added the former Middlesbrough defender.

Welsh Premier secretary Gwyn Derfel said the Saints' emphatic Champions League victory over B36 Torshavn shows that league standards are improving.

The league high-fliers swept aside the Faroe Islanders to register one of their best nights in the European competition.

New Saints' Mike Wilde celebrates with Chris Seargeant after making it 1-0

With Newtown having also defeated Maltese club Valletta in the Europa League last week, Derfel had double reason to be optimistic about the future of the domestic game in Wales.

"It shows we're becoming competitive on the European stage, which is obviously very important for our national league," he said.

"These results have won more coefficient points for Wales which hopefully will make things easier when it comes to seedings in future years for Welsh clubs. I'm really confident that the standards are improving and I'd like people to give our league a chance domestically next season.

"Good football is being played and it's nice that's being shown on a European stage."

Videoton, who have been crowned champions of Hungary for the second time, are likely to provide a far sterner test than the Faroe Islanders.

They have a good pedigree in Europe, with their most successful season coming in 1984-85 when they defeated Manchester United on penalties en route to the final of the UEFA Cup where they lost to Real Madrid.

Videoton are managed by former French international Bernard Casoni who was at Park Hall to watch the game.

Pugh makes big splash for Games

ELLESMERE College swimmer Tazmin Pugh has been selected for the Commonwealth Youth Games later this year.

The youngster was picked in a 12-strong squad by the Amateur Swimming Association that will make up the England Swimming team heading to Samoa for the games from September 5-12.

Pugh fully merits her inclusion after being in stunning form for Ellesmere College Titans and will be relishing her chance to shine on the international stage.

She claimed three golds and a silver for England's development team in Italy during a Four Nations meet against Russia-Ukraine, Germany and the host country.

Despite being only 15, Pugh is something of a pool veteran – she took her first strokes in the pool aged three months as part of the Aquatots programme.

England Programmes Team leader Grant Robins said: "The swimmers that have been selected have proven they have what it takes to compete at this level and will see this event as another stepping stone towards larger international competitions.

"This event is ideally placed for gaining experience for the 2018 Commonwealth Games; I am very happy with the athletes selected.

"We will prepare professionally and I think they will all be going into the competition feeling positive, confident and aiming to win medals."

Atherton extends lead with third consecutive win

HIGH-RIDING Rachel Atherton took her third consecutive World Cup win when storming to victory in the fourth round in Switzerland to extend her lead in the World Downhill Series.

It was a hot and brutal weekend on a track in Lenzerheiden that was super fast, but the Powys ace was again up for the challenge.

She clocked 3mins 28.126secs to finish five seconds ahead of old rival and world champion Manon Carpenter.

There were some tense moments with French rider Emmeline Ragot looking a threat, only to fade after clipping a tree in the bottom section to slip down to fifth position.

"I hadn't been enjoying the track and was feeling pretty nervous so I had to dig really deep for that final run," said Llanrhaeadr-based Atherton.

"I have huge respect for Ragot who has been pushing the limits and pushing me so hard, so it's really bad luck that she crashed."

In the men's race, Atherton's brother Gee had to settle for fifth spot after timing 3.02.889, some 2.354 seconds behind race winner Greg Minnaar, who recorded his 18th World cup victory.

But there was more success for the Athertons as their team, GT Factory Racing, took the team of the day accolade.

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